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5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served in The Commons, Jorgenson Hall, Room POD-250.

6:00 p.m. Meeting in The Commons (POD-250).

1. **President's Report**
 - 1.1 Recognition of Faculty Teaching Awards
 - 1.2 President's Update
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2. **Report of the Secretary of Senate (#F2008-1)**
 - 2.1 Nomination of Vice Chair of Senate
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3. **The Good of the University**
4. **Minutes:**
 - 4.1 Minutes of the May 6, 2008 Meeting

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5. **Business Arising From the Minutes**
 - 5.1 Report – RUAA Inaugural Meeting (Sanjay Dhebar) – *Addendum*
6. **Correspondence**
 - 6.2 **Motion:** Provincial Day of Action to Drop Tuition Fees (RSU & CESAR) – *Addendum [distributed at the meeting]*.
7. **Reports of Actions and Recommendations of Departmental and Divisional Councils**
 - 7.1 **From the School of Graduate Studies:**
 - 7.1.1 Review of Status of New Graduate programs
 - 7.1.1.1 **Motion #1:** *That Senate approve the submission of the proposal for a **Master of Arts in Philosophy (MA)** to the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies for Standard Appraisal.*
 - 7.1.1.2 **Motion #2:** *That Senate approve the submission of the proposal for a **Master of Professional Communication (MPC)** to the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies for Standard Appraisal.*

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8. **Reports of Committees**

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- 8.1 Report #F2008-1 of the Composition and By-laws Committee
 - 8.1.1 **Motion #1:** *That the **election procedures for 2009** be implemented in accordance with the Report of the Senate Review Committee approved at the June, 2008 meeting of Senate.*
 - 8.1.2 **Motion #2:** *That Senate approve the By-laws of the **Department of Politics and Public Administration Council.***

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- 8.2 Report #F2008-1 of the Nominating Committee
 - 8.2.1 **Motion #1:** *That Senate approve nominees to Senate and Senate Standing Committees as presented in this report.*
 - 8.2.2 Presidential Advisory Review Committee (see memo attached)
 - 8.2.3 **Motion #2:** *That Senate approve the nominees to the **Presidential Advisory Review Committee** as presented in this report.*

9. New Business

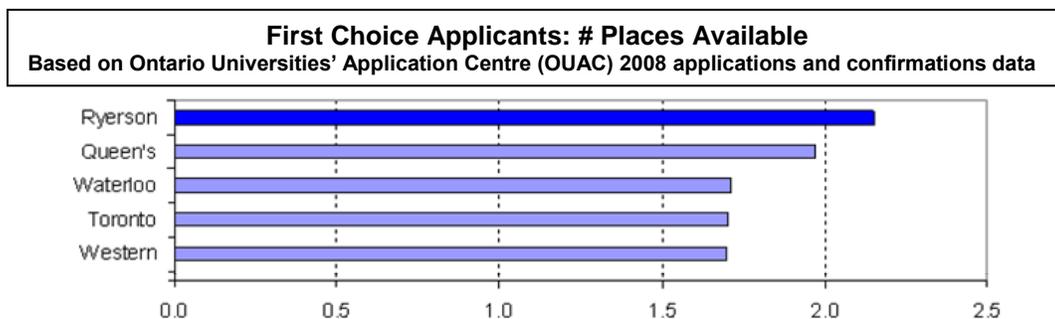
10. Adjournment

Ryerson University Senate

President's Update for the meeting of: October 7, 2008

Welcome – It is a privilege and a pleasure to welcome new and returning members of the University Senate to the 2008-09 academic session. We look forward to working together, and appreciate your input and involvement. Best wishes for an engaging and productive year.

Enrollments – Strong student demand for places in Fall 2008 yielded enrollments slightly above target, which means the university may be slightly above budget this year. According to the Ontario Universities' Application Centre, Ryerson has the highest ratio of first-choice applicants to spaces available in the Ontario system. Applications from secondary school students rose 8.1% over last year compared to 4.0% across the Ontario system, and first choice applications grew by 11.3% compared to 4.1% for the province. At the beginning of the academic year, with an undergraduate enrollment target of 20,600 students in full-time and 3,400 in part-time programs, preliminary figures indicate that Ryerson has enrolled about 21,100 full-time and 3,250 part-time students. Our graduate enrollment target was approximately 1,920 students; preliminary numbers, with three new graduate programs being offered, indicate an enrollment of 2,050 students, up 25% from 1,639 in Fall 2007. We are moving quickly toward our goal of having graduate enrollments represent about 10% of total enrollments, a figure consistent with the large comprehensive universities in Ontario (with the exception of the University of Toronto, which is much higher).



Faculty Teaching Awards – The university continues to promote and celebrate outstanding teaching as a fundamental factor in creating an exceptional learning environment for our students. On September 25th, the community Awards Presentation and celebratory dinner are honouring this year's recipients, among them Prof. Rena Mendelson, Ryerson President's Award for Teaching Excellence, and Prof. Donald McKay Ryerson Chancellor's Award of Distinction, both from the Faculty of Community Services. Two new awards, the Ryerson Experiential Teaching Award and the Ryerson Interdisciplinary Teaching Award, recognize strategic academic priorities and encourage student engagement. Special thanks are extended to members of the selection committees, chaired by Dr. Gosha Zywno, and to the Learning and Teaching Office for its commitment to the advancement of excellent teaching, and administration of the program.

Research Growth -- Ryerson research funding in the 2007-08 fiscal year grew to \$19.9 million, an increase of 23% over the total of \$16.2 million in 2006-07. The two-year trend is even more impressive. External research dollars have risen from the \$12.2 million Ryerson received in 2005-06 for a compound annual growth rate of 28%. It is especially notable that SSHRC funding increased by 38% to \$1.2 million, with shares of NSERC and CIHR funding recognizing the interdisciplinary nature of Ryerson research initiatives which straddle the science-engineering-medicine research categories. The totals reflect a steadily intensifying institutional focus on SRC activity among both current faculty and new appointments, and a recognition of the strategic research priorities reflected in *Shaping Our Future: Academic Plan for 2008-2013*. The university is well on track to achieve its stated goal of \$25 million in externally funded research by the year 2011.

Senate Review – Following on the unanimous approval of the Final Report of the Senate Review Committee (see <http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/senatereview.pdf>) this past June, the Committee has now become the Senate Review Implementation Committee, comprising David Checkland, Annick Mitchell, Neil Thomlinson, Dana Lee, graduate student Senator Charles Sule (Environmental Applied Science and Management), and Diane Schulman. Over the next year, Senate's By Laws will be reviewed and amended in anticipation of implementation for 2009-10. Given the university's system of bicameral governance, the restructuring of Senate is important for Ryerson as a university, and recognizes the fundamental role of the collegium in determining academic programs and policy.

Fall Convocation – I am pleased to invite members of Senate to attend a trio of Convocation ceremonies on October 27th-29th featuring the celebration of student achievement and the opportunity to hear remarkable orators. The recipient of the inaugural President's Award for Teaching Excellence, and the winner of the 1st TVO Best Lecturer competition, Prof. Arne Kislenko, will address graduands and their guests at the Convocation ceremony on the afternoon of October 27th. Honorary doctorates are being awarded to former Ryerson president Brian Segal who will address the graduates at the morning ceremony on October 29th, and to esteemed journalist and publisher John Honderich who will speak at the ceremony that afternoon.

Orientation -- Congratulations and thanks to Student Services, working with the Ryerson Students' Union, the Ryerson Commerce Society, the Ryerson Engineering Students' Society and the five Faculties, for a very successful orientation and Week of Welcome. As students arrived on campus, annual events like Campus Groups Day on Gould Street, the Welcome BBQ in the Quad, the Guinness World Record Challenge, and the Yonge Street Parade were enthusiastically attended and really well done. It was also very meaningful that special thought was given to providing events for particular groups such as commuters, mature students, and international students, as well as activities for students designed to engage them in their academic programs.

Student Information and Advising Centre (SIAC) – Responding to a prevailing theme in the President's Commission on Student Engagement and Experience, SIAC opened this Fall on the main floor of Jorgenson Hall as a one-stop information destination. The Centre answers student questions about almost any aspect of campus life, directs and refers students to the right place they need to go, and provides one-on-one consulting, with an emphasis on quality and service.

AMC Theatres – While the official opening took place on September 16th, classes in the AMC theatres were well under way by then. The innovative partnership adds twelve mid-sized lecture halls to our classroom stock, and uniquely reflects the university's role at an early stage of

planning, in investing \$1 million to provide design and facilities supporting teaching and learning. Thanks and appreciation are extended to faculty adapting to the new spaces and taking advantage of the technology. The response has been generally very positive across disciplines, with a recognition that the arrangement could not be better for programs in Film, Image Arts, and Radio & Television Arts in particular. Media coverage has been extensive, with special note being made of the successful relationship between Ryerson, the private sector, and the City.

Ryerson University Alumni Association (RUAA) – The involvement of Ryerson graduates in the life of our university was given an important boost with the inaugural meeting of the RUAA Board of Directors on September 11th, 2008. This is a significant step formalizing a student constituency vital to the university. I am delighted to introduce the alumni members of the Board of Directors: Jane Langdon, Chair (Food & Nutrition 1975), Valerie Pringle, Chair-Elect (RTA 1974), Tony Biglieri (Urban & Regional Planning 1983), Patrick Collin (Business Marketing Management 2008), Darren Cooney (Journalism 2004), Sanjay Dhebar (Public Admin. 1999), Sharifa Khan (Office & Admin. Studies 1988), Dr. David Martin (Hospitality 1977), Ross Mutton (RTA 1975), Chris Nguyen (ITM 2005), Michael Osehefski (Business Admin. 1971), and Jim Theobalds (Business Admin. 1968). University Advancement is represented by Tyler Forkes, Executive Director of Alumni Relations, Adam Kahan, Vice-President University Advancement, and Florence James, Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director of Alumni Relations.

Master Plan Update – Moving forward on the vision of high quality student space on Yonge Street, the Sam the Record Man sign is coming down, and we will soon be able to put up hoarding and begin the demolition. The Photography Gallery and Research Centre project is on track, and we are continuing discussions with the City on the closure of Gould Street.

Nuit Blanche – Ryerson is a cultural destination from sunset to sunrise on October 4th-5th as students, faculty and alumni from the Faculty of Communication and Design ‘light up the night’ with an expanded presence of exhibits and installations building on great success in 2007. As well as events on campus, award-winning Ryerson photography and films will be featured on Queen Street West. Details at <http://www.ryerson.ca/fcad/news/nuitblanche/2008.pdf>.

Covenant House – Ryerson graduate students in chemistry and biology will be working on earth science projects including environmental studies, ecology and green roof ecosystems with youth at neighbouring Covenant House. On September 10th Ryerson participated in the official opening of the Covenant House Green Roof, an initiative that will help young people advance their education, learn useful skills, provide a peaceful refuge, and be good for the environment. Led by Dr. Rona Abramovitch, Advisor on Outreach and Access, the university contributed to the planning of the facility and, as one of several partners, provided \$25,000 in financial support for the project. We are proud to be part of a learning experience that will benefit everyone involved.

President’s Newsletter to the Ryerson Community -- This year’s Fall newsletter was distributed widely to members of the community, and is also available on the Ryerson web site (http://www.ryerson.ca/about/president/documents/pres_news_5.pdf). The best part of the newsletter is sharing stories of our progress. But I am delighted to realize that the university is developing more sophisticated ways to share ideas with the Ryerson community that may argue for replacing a paper-based communiqué in future. Comments are welcome.

Trips to Israel and Brazil – This summer I was invited to join a group of Canadian university presidents on an intensive visit to universities in Israel in July, and in August I was very pleased to undertake a mission to Brazil as the first Ryerson president ever to visit our CIDA-funded

projects. My practice is always to submit a full report to the Chair of the Board of Governors and to Executive Group upon my return. These reports can be made available upon request.

President's Membership on Committees and Boards 2008-09 – This year includes the following active commitments:

Council of Ontario Universities

- Vice-Chair of COU (Chair in 2009-10)
- Member, Executive Committee
- Chair, Government and Community Relations Committee (GCRC)
- Member, Working Group on University Capacity
- Member, Standing Committee on Relationships with Other Postsecondary Institutions [Co-Chair of the College-University Consortium Council (CUCC)]
- Member, Board of Directors of COU Holding Association Inc.

Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC)¹

- Member, Standing Advisory Committee on International Relations

Board of Directors, Innovation Institute of Ontario

Board of Directors, Toronto East General Hospital

Chair, Universities & Colleges Sector, 2008 Campaign Cabinet, United Way of Greater Toronto²

¹ **AUCC** – In the August-September issue of *University Affairs*, AUCC reports that the third chapter of its *Trends in Higher Education* report, on university finances, found that Canada's universities receive about \$8,000 less per student than their U.S. public-university counterparts to fund teaching and research. This is in marked contrast to 25 years ago, when Canadian universities received about \$2,000 *more* per student than their American peers. Advocacy at the provincial and national levels must be focused on reversing this trend. The article can be found at http://www.universityaffairs.ca/issues/2008/aug-sept/universities_funding_falling_01.html

² **United Way** – As a member of the 2008 Campaign Cabinet, and Chair of the Universities & Colleges Sector, I have visited all of the GTA colleges and universities in support of the United Way of Greater Toronto to urge participation in achieving this year's \$110 million target.

Government Relations –

Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration – On August 7th, Ryerson welcomed the Honourable Diane Finley, federal Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, and Linda Jeffrey, Parliamentary Assistant on behalf of the Honourable Michael Chan, Ontario Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, for the announcement of funding to several agencies in Toronto that provide settlement services to newcomers. Ryerson is receiving \$3.6 million from the Governments of Canada and Ontario to fund bridging programs at the G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education to help internationally educated professionals gain employment in their chosen field.

Ministry of Culture – On August 18th, Ryerson met with Deputy Minister Marg Rappolt to provide an update on the Photography Gallery and Research Centre project and its importance to the City and province, as well as sharing ideas on Ryerson playing a larger cultural role.

Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities – In late August, we met with Minister John Milloy and Ministry staff as part of the ongoing discussions on projected GTA student demand.

Ministry of Research and Innovation – Ryerson researchers were featured in announcements made by Minister John Wilkinson recently. On August 27th, Dr. Bo Tan, Department of Aerospace Engineering, and Dr. Krishnan Venkatakrishnan, Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, received Early Researcher Awards for their work in advanced manufacturing research. On September 18th, Dr. Sridhar Krishnan, Canada Research Chair in Biomedical Signal Analysis, and Dr. Victor Yang, Canada Research Chair In Bioengineering and Biophotonics, both of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, received funding from the Ontario Research Fund-Research Infrastructure Program for their role in ‘Inventing the Future of Health Care.’

President’s Congratulations – I am proud to share the following Ryerson achievements, and continue to encourage everyone to let me know about accomplishments by members of our community. The Ryerson web site [click News and Events] increasingly offers a comprehensive range of detailed stories on achievements and awards, research, and life at the university.

- ❖ July 2008: Ryerson University women's hockey coach Stephanie White was selected head coach of Canada's National Women's Under-18 Team for the 2008-09 season.
- ❖ July 2008: The Ryerson Review of Journalism won five awards at the 2008 Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Student Magazine Contest (AEJMC):
 - 1st place, Single Issue of an Ongoing Print Magazine: Editorial (RRJ, Spring 2008, Carla Wintersgill, editor)
 - 2nd place, Online Magazine (RRJ.ca)
 - 3rd place, Consumer Magazine Article: Investigation and Analysis (*Investigating Harvey*, by Canice Leung, RRJ Summer 2008)
 - 3rd place, Consumer Magazine Article: Features (*The New News Race*, by William Stodalka, RRJ Summer 2008)
 - Honorable Mention, Consumer Magazine Article: Investigation and Analysis (*The Russian Enigma*, by Alina Seagal, RRJ 2008)

Note: See also “The crusading Ryerson Review: in this month’s issue of *University Affairs* (go to <http://www.universityaffairs.ca/issues/2008/october/index.html>)

- ❖ August 8, 2008: Hamed Basseri, the only Ontario student to receive a summer TRIUMF research scholarship, was chosen the winner of the 2008 TRIUMF Student Symposium, and will give an invited talk at the 2009 Winter Particle and Nuclear Physics Conference in Banff, Alberta.
- ❖ *Dr. Michael Kolios, Department of Physics, is the recipient of the Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Science Faculty Teaching Award.*
- ❖ Dr. Liping Fang, Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, is the recipient of the Sarwan Sahota-Ryerson Distinguished Scholar Award.
- ❖ From the Faculty of Communication and Design E-Newsletter September 2008 (available online at <http://www.ryerson.ca/fcad/news/newsletters/echo.pdf>):
 - Vanessa Corkal, 3rd year Image Arts, will attend Karlstad University this winter on a scholarship from the SWEA (Swedish Women’s Educational Association) Toronto.

- Four Ryerson films were chosen by the 2nd Annual En Route Student Film Festival: Adam Brown's *Starsearcher*, Brandon Cronenberg's *Broken Tulips*, Kazik Radwanski's *Princess Margaret Blvd*, and *My Dad Ralph* by Nicholas Wong and Alex Bateman.
- *Murmur* by Maayan Cohen (RTA'08), developed as a collaboration involving Ryerson, OCAD, Sheridan ITAL, and Moreno Music was showcased as part of the New York Independent Television Festival (NYTF) University Day program in September.
- Image Arts graduate Eileen Yaghoobian (IMA '95) premiered her documentary on poster art, *Died Young Stayed Pretty*, at the Montreal World Film Festival in August.
- The Toronto International Film Festival featured films by four Ryerson alumni: Kazik Radwanski (IMA '08) *Princess Margaret Blvd*; Adam Garnet Jones (IMA07) *A Small Thing*; Erika Loic (CommCult '05) *Parícutin*, and Bruce McDonald (IMA '82) *Pontypool*.
- *Race to Mars Interactive*, produced by Prof. Richard Lachman (RTA) with Discovery Channel Canada was an Official Honoree (Science category) at the Webby awards. A Lachman/Kensington Communications production, *Diamond Road Online*, has been nominated for a Canadian New Media Award (Excellence in News/Information category).
- Jessica Lockhart (Journalism'08) was awarded the 2008 Fraser MacDougall Journalism Prize sponsored by the Ontario Press Council.
- Ed Burtynsky (Image Arts '82) was nominated for the Prix Pictet prize, the world's premier photography award in sustainability.
- Researchers in the Rogers Communications Centre AccessFabrik Lab received the *Best Presentation Award* at this year's Access Grid retreat for their presentation *New Tools for Collaborative Design and Communication*.
- Ryerson's School of Journalism was ranked as the #1 school for journalism in Canada by *Knight Schools*, the fifth annual guide for students who want to change the world, published by Corporate Knights, the Canadian Magazine for Responsible Business.
- September 24, 2008: Prof. Charles Zamaria (RTA) and Prof. Fred Fletcher from York University launch the 2nd report of the Canadian Internet Project (CIP), the most comprehensive study of its kind in Canada.

RYERSON ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

A sampling of achievements and appearances in the media by members of the Ryerson Community for the October 2008 meeting of Senate.

Events

Ryerson welcomed 6,000 first-year students during **Orientation Week and Week of Welcome** activities. The *Toronto Star* and Global News Morning reported on the Ryerson Orientation Week Guinness World Record attempt to hold the world's largest sword fight. Ryerson Back to School stories also carried on CTV News at 6, 24 Nightside, CP24, *Metro*, *Toronto Sun*, the *Globe and Mail*, Much on Demand, *Sing Tao*, and *Ming Pao*. **Tony Conte**, Manager of the Student Information Centre, appeared on *Breakfast Television* to discuss ways students can manage their time and money. **Martin Antony**, Psychology, appeared on *Canada AM* to discuss the issue of social anxiety for first-year students. He also spoke to Canwest News Service about facing one's fears. **Alan Kaplan**, Ted Rogers School of Business Management, appeared on *Canada AM* discussing post-graduate student debt. *Breakfast Television* host Kevin Frankish mentioned Ryerson on-air and wore a **Rams** hat.

Approximately 3,000 students, faculty and staff attended the Ryerson Community Welcome Picnic.

City Councillor Kyle Rae, members of the Ryerson community and representatives from AMC Entertainment Inc. (AMC), the Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Area attended the official opening of the Ryerson AMC Lecture Theatres. Ryerson has outfitted 12 theatres with cutting-edge presentation technology to create ultramodern lecture facilities, where students and faculty alike can benefit from the exceptional learning and teaching environment. **President Sheldon Levy** and **Professor Krishnan Venkatakrishnan**, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, were quoted in a *Globe and Mail* feature article on Ryerson's partnership with the AMC theatre facility at Yonge-Dundas. Stories also ran in the *Toronto Star*, *National Post*, *Sing Tao*, *Eye Weekly*, *24 Hours*, BlogTO, Maclean's.ca, 680 News, and the New Flow 93.5 FM.

Ryerson starred once again at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF). Films by four School of Image Arts alumni Kazik Radwanski, Adam Garnet Jones, Erika Loic and Bruce McDonald were presented. A major venue for the festival, almost 50 screenings were shown at the Ryerson Theatre.

The Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, and Linda Jeffrey, Parliamentary Assistant on behalf of the Honourable Michael Chan, Ontario Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, announced a total funding of \$11.2 million to 11 organizations to help nearly 1,800 internationally trained professionals strengthen their language skills. Ryerson University will receive \$3.6 million to fund bridging programs to help internationally educated professionals gain employment in their chosen field. The announcement was made at a news conference held at Ryerson's Ted Rogers School of Management.

Ryerson Chancellor G. Raymond Chang received his Instrument of Appointment as Jamaica's Trade Counsel in Canada in July.

Media Appearances

The Bulletin spoke to **President Levy** and **Adam B. Kahan, Vice President, University Advancement**, about mega-signs coming to the Ryerson campus, in an effort to establish the campus' physical identity. The article also quoted Fashion student **Sarah Baker** and Electrical Engineering student **Alireza Falahati-Sadeghi**.

President Levy was quoted in the *Toronto Star*, dismissing rumours of Ryerson's interest in using Maple Leaf Gardens as a sports facility.

Toronto Sun columnist and former Education Minister John Snobelen commented on the positive impact of **President Levy** has made at Ryerson, in a column about university presidents' salaries.

Greg Elmer, Radio and Television Arts, Resident Life Coordinator **Chad Nuttall** and student **Dan Lytwyn** spoke to the *Toronto Star* about how students communicate, and universities supporting unofficial sources of information such as blogs. Dan Lytwyn maintains a blog at ryerson.ca/campus-life.

Federal Election

Greg Elmer, Radio and Television Arts, spoke to the Canadian Press about bloggers blaming Conservative campaign staff for election missteps. He also appeared on CBQ-FM and CBC News at Six, discussing the federal election, and spoke to CBC.ca about the rise of Facebook activism. **Greg Elmer** and the team at the Infoscape Research Lab appeared on CBC.ca in coverage of the 2008 Federal election campaign.

Robert Ott, Chair, School of Fashion, spoke to the *Toronto Star* about the significance of Prime Ministerial candidate Stephen Harper adopting a sweater in election campaign ads.

Myer Siemiatycki, Politics and Public Administration, appeared on CBC Radio's *Here and Now* discussing Mayor Miller and the federal election. He also spoke to the *Toronto Star* regarding immigrant voting patterns in Toronto in light of the upcoming federal election He also spoke to the *Toronto Sun* about Toronto historically voting Liberal in federal elections.

Graduate student **Famwick McCalvey**, appeared on CBQ-FM discussing the federal election. **Patrice Dutil**, Politics and Public Administration, appeared on Radio-Canada discussing the upcoming federal election.

David Nayman, Journalism, spoke to the *Daily Telegraph* (UK) about the call for a federal election in Canada.

Judy Rebick, Politics and Public Administration, spoke to the *Belleville Intelligencer* regarding the federal election.

April Lindgren, Journalism, spoke to the *Toronto Sun* about the strong Liberal support in Toronto.

Bryan Evans, Politics and Public Administration, appeared on CMFJ-AM and CFRA-AM discussing the NDP leadership race. He was also quoted in the *Sault Star*, *Sarnia Observer*, *Welland Tribune* and *Milner News*.

Irene Gammel, English, author of *Looking for Anne of Green Gables; The Story of L.M. Montgomery and Her Literary Classic* received media coverage across Canada and in the United States. Stories about the universal appeal of Anne of Green Gables, reviews and profiles appeared in *Newsweek*, *New York Times*, *International Herald Tribune*, *Intelligencer Journal*, *Evening Sun*, *Deseret News*, *The Star Phoenix*, *Ottawa Citizen*, *Winnipeg Free Press*, and *Edmonton Journal* over the summer months.

Avner Levin, Ted Rogers School of Management, co-author of the research study *The Next Digital Divide: Online Social Network Privacy* was quoted in numerous media outlets. His comments were carried in the *Toronto Sun*, *CanadianBusiness.com*, *IT World Canada*, *CBC.ca*, *CHML-AM's Bill Kelly Show*, *hubcanada.com*, *ITBusiness.ca*, *PC World*, *NetNewsLedger.com*, *PCW Business Center*, and *p2pnetnews*.

Rena Mendelson, Nutrition, was quoted in a *Globe and Mail* article about how parents can survive their son or daughter's freshman year at university.

John Miller, Journalism, was quoted in a *Toronto Star* article about American vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin.

The *Washington Post* quoted **Sandeep Agrawal**, Urban and Regional Planning, in an article about churches being built on protected lands. The *Toronto Star* quoted him in a story about a Toronto church paving over a park to create a parking lot for its parishioners.

The *Toronto Sun* profiled Ryerson's new Director of Athletics, **Ivan Joseph**.

The *Toronto Star* reported on the plight of a newly accepted Ryerson student from Gaza among 400 people to be denied visas by the Israeli government.

Randy Boyagoda, English, spoke to *CBC.ca News* about artists making the case for culture to everyday Canadians. He also discussed funding cuts for arts and culture programs by the Conservative government. His reviewed *A Writer's People* by V.S. Naipaul appeared in the *National Post*.

The *National Post* reported on an event at Jamie Kennedy's Wine Bar that featured a presentation by **Melanie Dempsey**, Ted Rogers School of Management.

The *Toronto Star* quoted **Sonya Graci**, Ted Rogers School of Hospitality & Tourism Management, in an article on eco-friendly tourism experiences.

The *Toronto Star* mentioned Ryerson's MBA program in an article on business competitions.

Michael Brooks, Ted Rogers School of Management, spoke to the *Toronto Star* about business curriculum covering such topics as corporate responsibility and environmental concerns.

The *Ottawa Citizen* spoke to **Janet Chappell**, Nutrition, about “thinking outside the lunch box.”

A *Gazette* article on companies and employees’ use of the Internet mentioned Ryerson research on online social media.

Myer Siemiatycki, Politics and Public Administration, spoke to the *Globe and Mail* regarding Toronto Mayor David Miller and American Presidential candidate Barack Obama’s urban boosterism and immigrants bypassing Toronto to seek jobs in Western Canada.

The *Toronto Star* profiled **Mandala Vahabi**, Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing, and her research on immigrant infant mortality rate in Canada.

The *Toronto Star* profiled the **Chang School of Continuing Education** in an article on the evolution of distance education, quoting Nursing student **Colleen Collier** and Philosophy instructor **Christopher Thomson**. Mr. Thomson was also quoted in a *Toronto Star* article on the skills students need to succeed with distance education.

Ryerson's **Centre for Studies in Food Security** was profiled in the *Toronto Star*, in an article that also made mention of the Chang School. The article quoted Academic Co-ordinator **Reg Noble** and student **Jasmine Kwong**, who works as a research assistant in the Centre and travelled to Brazil with Centre Director **Cecilia Rocha**.

Maria Gurevich, Psychology, spoke to the *Calgary Herald* in reaction to a StatsCan report on teenagers’ sexual habits and condom use.

The *National Post* mentioned the Chang School’s course offerings in non-profit sector management.

The *Bulletin* reported on a \$150,000 investment by the provincial government to support researchers at Ryerson.

Samantha Sannella, Interior Design, was quoted in a *Suburban* article on homework stations for kids.

PCWorld spoke to **Ken Woo**, Communications Support, about connected campuses.

Tariq Amin-Khan, Politics and Public Administration, appeared on CTV.ca, CBC News and OMNI News (South Asian Edition) to discuss the state of affairs in Pakistan.

The Waterloo Region *Record* profiled recent Ryerson graduate **Michelle Black**, Theatre School ’05, who is part of the ensemble as well as an understudy for the lead role in the Toronto production of *Dirty Dancing*.

The *Mirror* reported that Ryerson Urban and Regional Planning students are partnering with the Parkdale Liberty Economic Development Corporation to help develop the Parkdale area.

The *National Post* quoted **Mehru Ali**, Early Childhood Education, in an article on curriculum issues and controversial subjects.

Metroland reported that Nursing students from Humber College and Ryerson will be launching a collaborative project with the Toronto District School Board assessing the health needs of youth.

Rebecca Rose, Ryerson Student Union, spoke to CBC Morning North and CBCJ-FM (London) regarding the disappearance of water fountains on school campuses across Canada and the issues surrounding bottled water.

James Norrie, Ted Rogers School of Management, appeared three times on the *John Oakley Show*, discussing the American election, the lip-synching controversy at the Beijing Summer Olympics, and the case of an OPP constable who posed as a journalist.

CBC.ca and APTN National News spoke to **John Miller**, Journalism, about the issue of an OPP constable posing as a journalist.

The *Globe and Mail* quoted **Myer Siemiatycki**, Politics and Public Administration, in an article on Toronto's new City Manager.

Marilyn Lee, Occupational and Public Health, spoke to Global News and the *National Post* about the food recall by Maple Leaf Foods.

Arne Kislenko, History, spoke to OMNI News (South Asian Edition) about the recent developments in Afghanistan.

Ted Rogers School of Management student **Tracy Leparulo** spoke to the *Toronto Star* after using the new scramble crosswalk at Yonge and Dundas.

The *Toronto Sun* and *Globe and Mail* made mention of Ryerson in their coverage of the new scramble intersection.

The *Charlatan* spoke to **Rosemarie Volpe**, Centre for Student Development and Counselling, about the value of taking a year off during post-secondary studies to explore new interests or skills.

Bancroft This Week profiled Act 2 Studio Director **Vrenia Ivonoffski**, Chang School of Continuing Education.

Economic Times and ANI Wire Service reported on a tour of 15 Canadian universities to India led by **Michelle Beaton**, Admissions/Recruitment. The group visited Mumbai, Delhi, Pune and Bangalore. Ms Beaton was also quoted on TopNews.in.

Theatre-Dance alumna **Andrea Frost** spoke about her time at Ryerson on CHEX-TV.

A *Toronto Sun* article profiling philanthropist **Aditya Jha** mentioned his support of Ryerson.

The *Globe and Mail* reported on the passing of Ryerson founding faculty **Bill Trimble**. Mr. Trimble joined Ryerson in 1950 to teach economics and social sciences at Ryerson.

Masthead Online reported on a new book by **Ivor Shapiro**, Journalism, entitled *The Bigger Picture: Elements of Feature Writing*.

Disability Studies student **Helen Henderson** published an article in the *Toronto Star* on physical versus mental barriers.

CityNews reported on the Film Festival Midnight Madness at the Ryerson Theatre.

Marni Binder, Early Childhood Education, spoke to *Sherwood Park News* about half-day versus full-day kindergarten classes.

A Maclean's.ca *On Campus* article about a StatsCan report confirming that students are switching programs while at university mentioned famed Ryerson alumnus **Edward Burtynsky** who took a year off during his studies.

The *Globe and Mail* quoted **Kathryn Woodcock**, Occupational and Public Health, in an article on the safety of major propane sites.

Corporate Knights.ca listed the Ryerson **School of Journalism** as the most sustainable in Canada.

Metro Canada reported on new course and program offerings.

Vertical News reported on recent research by **Tim McInerney**, Computer Science.

The *Toronto Star* interviewed **Grant Buckley**, a Ryerson undergraduate student who played hockey in Australia this summer, about the popularity of the sport in that country.

Package Printing reported on Ryerson's recent research on job definition format (JDF).

The *Hamilton Spectator* quoted **Judy Finlay**, Child and Youth Care, in an article on the death of Katelynn Sampson. Prof. Finlay is a former Ontario Child Advocate.

Murray Pomerance, Sociology, appeared on CH News discussing sex on television and spoke to City Online about the *New Yorker's* satire of Barack Obama.

Robert Burley, Photographic Preservation and Collections Management, spoke to CBC News about the demise of Polaroid instant cameras.

BroadwayWorld.com profiled Theatre student **Giovanni Spina**, who had a role in the popular pre-teen movie *Camp Rock*.

Metroland profiled filmmaker and third-year Image Arts student **Tyler Cowan**.

Nima Naghibi, English, commented in the *Toronto Star* on a local conference focussing on the intellectual and cultural life in Iran.

The *Cape Breton Post* made mention of Ryerson's **Midwifery Education** program.

A *Globe and Mail* article on men and weight loss mentioned Ryerson research on the topic.

Refrigerator Fan profiled Ryerson benefactor **Jack Cockwell** and reported on his donation to name the **Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing**.

Professor Emeritus Elizabeth Podnieks was quoted in a *Globe and Mail* article about finding secure housing for the elderly.

Duncan MacLellan, Politics and Public Administration, was quoted in a *National Post* article on micro-management at Toronto City Hall and Council being accused of over-regulation.

Kim Snow, Child and Youth Care, was quoted in a *Telegraph-Journal* article about philanthropist James Ross.

The *Toronto Star* profiled Ryerson Graduate Scholar **Peter Krimbalis** and his research on fibre metal laminates.

The *National Post*, Metroland and YorkRegion.com spoke to Retail Management alumna **Amber Kelly**, who launched her own store, Denim Diva, this summer.

The *Globe and Mail* profiled **Mike Robinson**, Image Arts, and his daguerreotype work.

ArtDaily.Org made mention of Ryerson's Photographic Preservation and Collections Management masters degree.

The *Pembroke Daily Observer* spoke to **Jane Sprott**, Criminal Justice and Criminology, about young offenders not serving time in jail. She also appeared on CBC News at Six discussing a report indicating that crime is down in Toronto.

Alison Matthews David, Fashion, spoke to Canadian Press about the enduring appeal of stilettos. **Diane Peters**, Journalism, published a feature article on the melding of science and art in *Metro*.

L'Express published a feature article on Ryerson and its evolution, quoting **Daniel Doz**, Dean, Faculty of Communication & Design.

The *Toronto Sun*, Global News Morning and *Breakfast Television* reported on a special fashion show held at Honest Ed's in memory of the founder of the iconic store. The *Sun* quoted Fashion student **Charanya Bala**.

The *Toronto Star* profiled Fashion alumna and rug designer **Donna Hastings**, who operates the 20-year-old company Creative Matters.

Working.com spoke to **Carolyn Meyer**, Professional Communication, about gossip in the workplace.

Journalism student **Sachin Seth** published an article on the U.S.'s economic woes in TheStar.com.

RSU Vice President **Rebecca Rose** spoke to *Inside Toronto* and the *Annex Guardian* about an anti-deportation rally for war resisters.

Visiting Professor Gerard Kennedy spoke to the *Toronto Star* about the state of the federal Liberal party.

Sandra Tullio-Pow, Fashion, spoke to the *Globe and Mail* about the appeal of linen, the world's oldest textile, now enhanced with metallic accents and high-tech coatings.

Theatre students **Jesse Nerenberg**, **Meg Gennings**, **Michael Rubenstein** and **David Stein** were featured in coverage of a pre-Dora ceremony party.

Ryerson Rams volleyball players **Cameron Bartlett** and **Greg McDonald** spoke to *Chatham Daily News* about a summer training camp.

A Canadian Press article on a special chair for deaf people that turns musical frequencies into tactile sensations quoted PHD student **Ellen Hibbard**, Communication and Culture, and Professor **Deborah Fels**, Centre for Learning Technologies. The article was carried by the *Toronto Star*, *Sudbury Star* and *Prince George Citizen*.

Patrice Dutil, Politics and Public Administration, spoke to CBON-FM about the 400-year anniversary of Quebec City.

Andrew Laursen, Chemistry and Biology, publishes a regular column on environmental issues in *Metro*.

Foodnavigator.com spoke to **Dérick Rousseau**, Nutrition, about the controlled delivery of ingredients.

Glee mentioned **June Komisar**, Architectural Science, in an article on urban agriculture projects.

Janet Chappell, Nutrition, appeared on the *Gary Doyle Show* discussing the impact of one's dieting on one's spouse.

Bryan Evans, Politics and Public Administration, was quoted in a *Toronto Star* article on job safety numbers.

The *National Post* published a letter to the editor by **Emily Shelton**, Student Rights Co-ordinator, Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson.

Prepared by the Office of Public Affairs.

Report of the Secretary of Senate
F2008-01
October 7, 2008

1. **Senate Vice-Chair 2008-09** – Annick Mitchell elected by acclamation.
2. **Accommodation of Student Religious Observance Obligations (Policy 150) Review Committee – 2008**

Keith Alnwick, Registrar (Chair)

Pedro Goldman, Chair, Physics

Heather Lane Vetere, Vice Provost Students

Marsha Moshe, Assoc. Dean of Arts, Undergraduate Programs and Student Affairs

Monica Mackay, Aboriginal Student Services

Zita Murphy, Senate Library Representative

Carol Stuart, Child and Youth Care

Ann Whiteside, Discrimination and Harassment Officer

Aura Bessin, Hillel, Jewish Students Association

Zahra Ismail, Ismaili Muslim Students Association

Mohamed Malik, Muslim Students Association

**MINUTES OF SENATE MEETING
TUESDAY, May 6, 2008**

Members Present:			
Ex-Officio:	Faculty:		Students:
K. Alnwick	P. Albanese	M. McAllister	G. Alivio
S. Boctor	M. Antony	A. Mitchell	T. Hassan
C. Cassidy	I. Baitz	Z. Murphy	S. Omer
D. Doz	J. P. Boudreau	J. Norrie	H. Otieno
Z. Fawaz	V. Chan	M. Panitch	R. Rose
U. George	D. Checkland	D. Rose	T. Schwerdtfeger
L. Grayson	P. Corson	S. Rosen	T. Whitfield
A. Kahan	D. Elder	A. Singh	
M. Lefebvre	M. Greig	C. Stuart	
S. Levy	R. Hudyma	D. Sydor	Alumni:
A. Shepard	R. Keeble	D. Tucker	S.Dhebar
A. Shilton	J. Lassaline	K. Webb	
P. Stenton	D. Lee		
M. Yeates	D. Mason		
Regrets:	Absent:		
S. Abdelgadir	A. Bahadur		
D. Androustos	T. Dewan		
G. R. Chang	H. Kere		
M. Dewson	Y. T. Leong		
O. Falou			
C. Farrell			
S. Ghebresslassie			
P. Goldman			
K. Jones			
M. Levine			
A. Matthews David			
E. Moss			
R. Ravindran			
R. Sadjadi			
M. Stanton			
A. Venetsanopoulos			
A. Walker			

1. President's Report -

1.1 President's Update - In addition to his written comments, the President complimented the School of Disability Studies for the wonderful event at the ROM. It was announced that there was unexpected funds from the Ontario Trust for Students to support students. A. Kahan explained that the reason for the excess in funds was that universities did not meet their quotas, and the money was put back into the fund. Ryerson received an additional \$7.2M, which is 20% of the total funding.

The appointment of the new Athletic Director, Ivan Joseph, was announced.

As this is the last regular meeting of Senate, members who are not returning were asked to rise, and they were applauded.

1.2 Ryerson Achievement Report – for information only.

1.3 First-year Student Survey 2007 Highlights - for information only. Members were advised to email any questions on the first-year student survey to P. Stenton.

2. Report of the Secretary of Senate

The Secretary informed Senate that the report on Religious Observance had been received and was posted on the Senate website. The Special Meeting of Senate is scheduled for June 3, and the Senate calendar for 2008-2009 is included in the agenda.

3. Good of the University

A. Mitchell chaired.

R. Rose reported that 14 students were arrested at the University of Toronto for a sit-in concerning tuition fees. The RSU is in support of the students and their cause. D. Elder spoke in support of the students as well.

4. Minutes:

4.1 Motion that Senate approve the minutes of the April 1, 2008 meeting -

D. Mason moved and K. Alnwick seconded.

D. Checkland asked for a correction to his comments on page 13, item 7.2.2. The correction was made. M. Yeates answered that there was no commitment to additional faculty positions.

Minutes approved.

6. Business arising from the Minutes

5.1 Report – *Shaping Our Future: An Academic Plan for 2008-2013*

A Shepard presented an overview of the Plan and invited members to attend the two Town Hall meetings scheduled during the week, and to submit email comments.

Discussion:

J.P. Boudreau asked about the timing of the review of the Office of Research Services. A. Shepard responded that the report is expected soon, and that there may be time to make changes in the Plan based on the report.

J. Norrie asked about coordination of the Academic Plan to include in its totality the report of the VPRI, as he is concerned about the close coordination of the two plans. The President stated that the plans will be brought together. The Provost stated that the VPRI wrote that section of the Plan in consultation with the SRC Committee, and he is anticipating some change before June based on further Committee meetings on the Plan. There will be an expanded version of the VPRI plan.

5.2 Report of the *Ad hoc* Senate Review Committee

D. Checkland reported on the Senate Review Committee. The Senate seating was readjusted for this meeting to try a new seating arrangement. There will be further issues to be reported on at the June meeting. There will be a town hall meeting on the report (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in SHE660) next Wednesday. Emails can be sent to senatereview@ryerson.ca. He outlined the report and the major recommendations regarding conduct of Senate meetings: seating; consent agenda; an announcement section separate from the Good of the University; a discussion of the Good of the University section; *in camera* meetings; new rules clarifying the Ryerson rules, and shifting the rules of order to Bourinot's Rules of Order. There will be an implementation committee established. There are recommendations on the allocation of the 51 elected members, taking into account the potential creation of additional Faculties. This would require the reduction of allocated members and having at-large members. Fully participating non-voting members would also be created to represent the G. Raymond Chang School of Continued Education and part-time faculty. Senate should not get any bigger. Formal ratios for constituent groups might be stipulated.

It was clarified that the faculty would be RFA faculty. JP Boudreau asked about the motivation for creating at-large members. D. Checkland responded that this is not only because of the possibility for new Faculties, but also for a more representation by population. S. Dhebar asked if it could be a smaller Senate, and if there could be more student representatives. D. Checkland replied that the size is fixed by the Act, but that seats could be taken from faculty and given to students, but faculty have a greater experience and stake in the University. The current ratio can be defended.

J. Norrie asked about representation from the Chang School, but noted that the terms of part-time faculty do not coincide with the session of Senate. Having two program directors would be more than other departments have, and he suggests that there should be a certificate director instead.

R. Rose asked about the proportional student representation. It was clarified that there could be no more than two from each Faculty.

D. Elder thanked the committee for keeping CUPE in mind, and stated that more than 60% of the teaching is done by CUPE members.

S. Dhebar asked if there would be a reason to recommend a reduction in the size of Senate. D. Checkland responded that there was no particular reason to reduce the size, as there are already a relatively small number of representatives for each group.

There are also recommendations on Committee structure, eliminating some and folding some into others. A Senate Priorities Committee and an Academic Governance and Policy Committee would be created, establishing both a vertical and a horizontal structure. The SRC Committee would become responsible for all areas of SRC. The recommended functions of these committees are outlined in the report. There are some committees that remain unchanged.

J.P. Boudreau stated that the Senate Priorities Committee is an excellent idea, and the notion of general discussion is a good one. He notes that there are no changes made to the Academic Standards Committee, stating that there is a need for a connection to SRC. D. Checkland stated that some people like the ASC and others do not. There could be a call for a review of that committee at a later date. Mostly good things were heard about that committee.

V. Chan asked about the SRC Committee and pointed out an error in the chart on page 31 of the agenda. The Steering and Financial Review Committee is the Senate Priorities Committee and the SPC Committee should be the SRC Committee.

M. Yeates asked why there was not a separate budget committee, as the proposed committee has a great deal to do. D. Checkland commented that the agenda setting would not take more than a meeting or two, and the number of committees that require all Senate members would be kept to a minimum. A lot of what that committee will do is not that onerous.

S. Levy commented that the committee did a good job of respecting the bicameral nature of governance and there is no academic committee of the Board. This is a good way to achieve interaction and balance.

D. Checkland stated that there will be a Section 6 in the final report on the evolutionary perspective if the Ryerson Act is opened. It will include a recommendation that there be an appropriate room built to house Senate and other larger groups. He noted that the detailed work would have to occur over the next year to be in place for Fall 2009.

R. Hudyma asked about implementation of the various pieces. D. Checkland stated that there will be a report in June that will allow for voting on specific sections.

A. Mitchell mentioned that it will be recommended that meetings be changed to be from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

5.3 Report of the *Ad hoc* Committee to Review the Student Code of Non-Academic Conduct (Policy # 61)

5.3.1 Motion: *That Senate approve the revised Student Code of Non-Academic Conduct (Policy # 61)*

Z. Fawaz, T. Whitfield seconded.

T. Whitfield asked to give an overview. He joined after the March meeting and since then there has been feedback from RSU and CESAR. There were open meetings held by the students. There was a petition circulated. It was asked if there could have been earlier consultation.

Z. Fawaz reported that there were important changes as a result of the further consultations: no specific reference to online conduct, but rather a principle that misconduct is determined regardless of the medium. There is a further principle about jurisdiction in the students' private lives.

D. Mason commented that section B of the Code related to the earlier mention of the situation of students at U of T. He and D. Elder spoke concerning the repression of students' rights to free speech, and the need to ensure that this does not happen at Ryerson. S. Levy commented that because the police were called, the sanctions were out of the hands of the University of Toronto, and were the Crown prosecutor's ruling.

R. Rose stated the process has been a long but often rewarding one. She appreciates the responsiveness to the students' concerns. Procedural meetings have been in progress. She is concerned about the interim measures part of the policy as a result of those meetings. She has spoken to J. Hanigsberg about bringing an amendment. Page 43, Section F2a, "*damage to University property is likely to occur, or the continued presence of the student would be disruptive to the legitimate operations of the University*" is problematic. She believes that this is procedural and should not be in the policy. She asked that this language be used properly, and not to silence students. It is suggested that the Procedures Committee establish guidelines under which the interim measures would be implemented.

T. Whitfield asked for an amendment to page 44, line 3 in section G. It should be stated that students should be included from RSU and CESAR. This amendment is accepted.

R. Rose further asked that there be a direction to draft the language or guidelines in the procedures. The President stated that he wished to express the concern and an expectation that the committee address this issue. There is an agreement that the Procedures Committee will address the concern.

Motion approved. (4 student objections noted as requested.)

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

7. Reports of Actions and Recommendations of Departmental and Divisional Councils

Course changes from the G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education were for information only.

8. Reports of Committees

8.1 Report #W2008-2 of the Composition and By-Laws Committee

8.1.1 Motion: *That Senate approve an increase of four (4) members-at-large and one (1) graduate student member on the Research Ethics Board, effective immediately.*

D. Checkland moved, D. Mason seconded.

J.P Boudreau spoke in support of the motion, although he was at first opposed because of his concern that it would take more time to get protocols approved. In fact, the response time would be decreased as approvals are done electronically, and more people will speed the process. He commends the work of the committee as it is so important for the recruitment of faculty, and they are commended for their hard work. He thinks there should be more support for the committee, A. Karabanow and N. Walton.

Motion approved.

The President also thanked the Research Ethics Board.

8.2 Report #W2008-1 of the Nominating Committee

8.2.1 Motion: *That Senate approve the list of representatives of the Senate Standing Committees as presented in this report*

I. Baitz moved and Z. Fawaz seconded.

Motion approved.

8.3 Report #W2008-3 of the Academic Standards Committee:

A. Shepard moved all motions (1 to 8), U. George seconded.

8.3.1 Motion #1: *That Senate approve the Periodic Program Review of the Collaborative Nursing and Post Diploma Degree Completion Nursing Programs.*

D. Checkland commented that one of the potential weaknesses is reliance on sessional instructors. In the response, that issue is not addressed. It is an issue that Senate should think about. He gave statistics on the ratio of full-time to part-time faculty and to students. He argued against too large a reliance on part-time faculty. S. Levy commented that this issue can be highlighted in the discussion of the finances of the University, bringing to Senate's attention the difficult choices that need to be made.

J.P. Boudreau commented that the collaborative nursing program reaches out into many areas of the University including his Psychology department. There are some challenges presented by this program for his department.

J. Tucker Scott commented that there are 4800 students in the School of Nursing and the

class sizes need to be small. Their infrastructure is complex and is a strength, but requires a great deal of energy. It is a benchmark for other schools. The program is looking for other ways to help staff and other kinds of career opportunities not currently in the RFA contract.

With respect to the issue raised by J.P. Boudreau, she is aware of that and they are working on the matter.

8.3.2 **Motion #2:** *That Senate approve the proposed revisions to Policy #112 – Approval Process for New Undergraduate Programs, and to Policy #126 - Periodic Program Review of Undergraduate Programs.*

K. Alnwick seconded.

D. Mason requested a change in Section 2.2.3 - “including” to read “accompanied by”.

Motion approved.

8.3.3 **Motion #3:** *That Senate approve the revisions in Architecture and Landscape Design Certificate Programs.*

H. Otiero seconded

Motion approved.

8.3.4 **Motion #4:** *That Senate approve the new Certificate Programs in Introductory International Economics, Microeconomic Theory and Policy, Macroeconomic Theory and Policy, Industrial Organization and Policy, and Quantitative Economics.*

A. Shilton seconded.

Motion approved.

8.3.5 **Motion #5:** *That Senate approve the discontinuation of the Advanced Certificate in International Economics.*

J.P. Boudreau seconded.

Motion approved.

8.3.6 **Motion #6:** *That Senate approve the revised Certificate in English as a Second Additional Language.*

A. Shilton seconded.

Motion approved.

8.3.7 **Motion #7:** *That Senate approve the revised Certificate in Financial Planning.*

A. Shilton seconded.

Motion approved.

8.3.8 **Motion #8:** *That Senate approve the revised Certificate in Image Arts, Certificate in Media Writing Fundamentals and Certificate in Public Relations.*

D. Tucker seconded.

Motion approved.

9. New Business

9.1 Report to the Senate on Ryerson's Scholarly, Research and Creative Activities, April 2007 – March 2008

It was asked that questions be directed to the VPRI who was not present. D. Mason asked about the issue of SRC particularly in FEAS under NSERC. Success in NSERC has not increased, and there is concern that enough support has not been put into NSERC submissions. The university needs to provide more support to allow people to be successful in NSERC grants, as well as supports for School of Graduate Studies students, research assistants, etc. S. Boctor responded that the feedback from the selection committees on unsuccessful applicants are reviewed by the chair, the associate dean and the faculty, and appeals are filed if there is substance to the appeals. The number of grants is decreasing. The VPRI has instituted an external review process before applications are submitted but some did not use the service. Ryerson does not have much representation on the NSERC grant selection committees. D. Mason mentioned that there are 70,000 faculty across the country and there are 700 in Ryerson (1%). There are 10,500 NSERC researchers and there should be about 100 at Ryerson, but there are 24. S. Boctor stated that this is the number successful in the year, and that there are about 110 NSERC grant holders. The President noted that the VPRI is away on business of the University. A. Shepard echoed concerns and there have been discussion on how to boost these numbers.

V. Chan asked about the six strategic areas, and these do not include the areas of Engineering research and CFI areas. President Levy stated that this was addressed in the plan, that there are a limited number of areas that can be stressed. The Provost will look into this.

J. P. Boudreau asked if there could be further discussion of this report. He is concerned about the planned growth on graduate head counts and the relationship to projected growth in grants. Also, the 50/50 split for the post-doctoral program should be discussed further. S. Levy commented that this would be a good topic brought forward for Senate discussion.

9.2 Final Report - *Learning Together: An Academic Plan for Ryerson, 2003-2008*

K. Alnwick commented that the Registrar's areas played a key role in the growth of Ryerson, introducing a change to the legacy student information system. A. Shepard thanked the Ryerson community, and D. Schulman and P. Stenton.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane R. Schulman, Ph.D.
Secretary of Senate

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

REPORT TO SENATE, OCTOBER 7, 2008

1. Review of Status of New Graduate Programs
 - New Programs Planned for 2009
 - Continuing Programs in Review Process

2. ***Master of Arts in Philosophy***

Motion

That the Senate approve the submission of the proposal for a ***Master of Arts in Philosophy*** (MA) to the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies for Standard Appraisal.

3. ***Master of Professional Communication***

Motion

That the Senate approve the submission of the proposal for a ***Master of Professional Communication*** (MPC) to the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies for Standard Appraisal.

Submitted by:



Maurice Yeates, Dean
Chair, School of Graduate Studies Council

Status of New Programs in Graduate Review Process (programs planned for September 2008 and 2009)									
Approval or Action by	Responsibility	MSc Applied Mathematics	PhD Pol Studies	MBSc/MASc Building Sc.	MA Lit of Mod	MPI Urban Devpt	MA Fashion	MA ProfCom	MA Phil.
Ryerson Review									
Dean - SGS	Letter of Intent (LoI) – including initial analysis of financial viability	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SGS Program & Planning Comm	Reviews LOI to determine if program appears feasible.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Provost	Decides to proceed based on responses to LoI. Instructs sponsors to prepare OCGS program proposal.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Internal/External Consultant	An expert in the field from another university reviews the proposal. Sponsors re-draft if necessary.	Seco U of T	Carroll McMaster	Straube, Waterloo	Srerbnik, Calgary	Qadeer Queen's	Rouse U Arts London	Fletcher York	Brown UofT
Provost	Discusses proposal with Dean, sponsor.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
P&P of SGS	Reviews draft OCGS brief in light of I/E report – recommends to Council SGS based on academic quality	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Council, SGS	Reviews proposal	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Senate	Reviews program proposal for academic quality and moves to proceed to OCGS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ontario Council on Graduate Studies Review									
Appraisal Committee	7 senior faculty from across Ontario + Exec. Dir read brief and comment to Ryerson. Univ can advertise program.	X Bona, Illinois Bland, Toronto	McMullin-- UWO Prince—Vict April 15/16	Zmeureanu- Concordia Lam- C-Mel Jan 31/1	Wallace–Alb Stone--Dal March 6/7	Vos – Fla Atl Burayidi – Wisc (Oshk) March 3/4	Lemire Alb Berzowska Conc Aug 25/26	Oct 7	Oct 7
External Consultants	2 or 3 selected, visit Ryerson for a two day period. Prepare reports for submission to OCGS, which sends reports to Ryerson.	X	X	X	X	X			
Ryerson	Responds to report(s)	X	X	X	X	X			
Appraisal Committee	Reviews report and response and presents recommendation to OCGS (All graduate Deans in Ontario)	X	X	X	X	X			
OCGS Executive Director	Informs Ryerson of decision, provides letter required by Ministry for funding claim. OCGS meeting.	X	X	X	X	X			
Further Procedures									
Board of Governors	Program is presented to Board of Governors for approval of financial viability.			X	X	X			
Ministry	The Program is presented to the Ministry for approval			X	X	X			
Provost	Provost decides about implementation			X	X	X			

Status of Continuing Programs in Graduate Review Process (2008 and 2009)								
Approval or Action by	Responsibility	MASc/PhD EnSciMan	MASc/MEng Phd Civil Eng	MASc/ MEng /Phd Mech Eng	MA Pub Admin	MSA Spatial Analysis	MASc/MEng Phd Chem Eng, 08/09	MA Economics 08/09
Ryerson Review								
Dean - SGS	Letter of Intent (LoI) – including initial analysis of financial viability							
SGS Program & Planning Comm	Reviews LOI to determine if program appears feasible.							
Provost	Decides to proceed based on responses to LoI. Instructs sponsors to prepare OCGS program proposal.							
Internal/External Consultant	An expert in the field from another university reviews the proposal. Sponsors re-draft if necessary.							
Provost	Discusses proposal with Dean, sponsor.							
P&P of SGS	Reviews draft OCGS brief in light of I/E report – recommends to Council SGS based on academic quality							
Council, SGS	Reviews proposal							
Senate	Reviews program proposal for academic quality and moves to proceed to OCGS							
Ontario Council on Graduate Studies Review								
Appraisal Committee	7 senior faculty from across Ontario + Exec. Dir read brief and comment to Ryerson. Univ can advertise program.	Duenker-Dal Smardon-SUNY Syrac Jan 31/1	Habib -- Calgary Li – Ohio St April 21/22	Abbrev Brief	Abbrev Brief	Thrall -Fla WongGMU June 2/3	submitted	submitted
External Consultants	2 or 3 selected, visit Ryerson for a two day period. Prepare reports for submission to OCGS, which sends reports to Ryerson.	X	X	Not required	Not required	X		
Ryerson	Responds to report(s)	X	X			X		
Appraisal Committee	Reviews report and response and presents recommendation to OCGS (All graduate Deans in Ontario)	X	X			X		
OCGS Executive Director	Informs Ryerson of decision, provides letter required by Ministry for funding claim. OCGS meeting.	X GQ	X GQ		X GQ			
Further Procedures								
Board of Governors	Program is presented to Board of Governors for approval of financial viability.							
Ministry	The Program is presented to the Ministry for approval							
Provost	Provost decides about implementation							

2. The School of Graduate Studies has reviewed the proposal for a ***Master of Arts in Philosophy*** listed below, and submits it to Senate for its approval for it to be sent to the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies for external review ('standard appraisal'). Vol. I of the brief ('The Program') is available for review in the office of the Secretary of Senate, and Volumes I & II ('The Program', and 'Curricula Vitae') are available for review in the office of the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies (YDI-1109). Vol. I of the brief ('The Program') is also available for review at www.ryerson.ca/graduate/temp.
Username: gradstudies Password: 4ryerson

Motion

That the Senate approve the submission of the proposal for a ***Master of Arts in Philosophy*** to the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies for Standard Appraisal.

Note: Once a program is approved by OCGS, it is presented to the Board of Governors for approval.

The Provost has final authority to determine whether a program may proceed.

Ryerson University Master of Arts in Philosophy Executive Summary

The proposed Ryerson MA in Philosophy is a 5-term program in the core areas of philosophy. The program is designed as a capstone degree for students who wish to broaden or deepen their undergraduate experience in philosophy and as a stepping-stone degree for students planning to pursue a PhD in philosophy. It includes both a Major Research Paper and a Thesis stream, and plans to enrol 13 students each year for a steady state enrolment of 26.

Objectives: The program is designed to meet several objectives, including these:

- *To offer students exposure to the core areas of philosophy.* The program includes courses on the nature of the human self; the grounds of our moral and political obligations; the character of scientific inquiry; the value of aesthetic and religious claims and experiences; society's influence on our conceptions of ourselves and our world; and questions about the ultimate nature of reality.
- *To offer a broad range of ways of engaging with these core areas.* Students will explore both recent works from the leading figures in contemporary philosophy as well as the foundations of current debates through close study of the most important philosophical texts of the past.
- *To prepare students for PhD programs in philosophy.* By providing students with a broad exposure to the core traditions, eras and topics in philosophy, along with the opportunity to write a Major Research Paper or Thesis, the program will position students to gain entry to, and succeed at, top-ranked PhD programs in Canada and the United States.
- *To develop valuable professional skills.* The program's required Professional Seminar, its unique Graduate Teaching Sequence, and its innovative Area Readings requirement are designed to develop the analytical, communication, organization, study and research skills needed to succeed in the program and in the general workplace.

Viability: The program responds to clear needs within Ryerson, the Greater Toronto Area, and the province as a whole.

- *It fills an important gap in Ryerson’s slate of graduate programs.* The Ryerson University Act includes a mandate to “advance” the “intellectual, social, moral, cultural and spiritual development” of its students. The proposed program will offer the kind of careful and sustained reflection on the most profound aspects of the human condition needed for developing one’s character in these respects.
- *It targets existing student demand within the Greater Toronto Area.* Though MA programs in philosophy are offered at the University of Toronto and at York University, they together accept only 30 of the over 200 MA applications they receive each year. The program’s unique features will make it attractive to many of these students.
- *It offers new educational opportunities where Ontarians choose to live.* While the Greater Toronto Area accounts for over 40% of Ontario’s total population, only 16% of Ontario’s philosophy MA students study in the area. The program would bring the Toronto’s provincial share to about 25%. Moreover, recent studies indicate that as many as 40,000 additional undergraduates will soon enter the GTA university system, with many aiming at graduate-level study in all disciplines, including philosophy. The program will thus help meet the province’s long-term educational needs.

Faculty: The Philosophy Department at Ryerson has a proven record of excellence in teaching and research, a record that is demonstrated by an impressive list of national and international publications, and that has been recognized through a large number of research grants and awards. The department, currently composed of 13 tenured or tenure-track members and 2 limited term members, has developed a plan to hire as many as 5 additional philosophers in the next few years.

Curriculum: The program has two streams, represented in the following chart.

Stream	Term 1 (Fall)	Term 2 (Winter)	Term 3 (Spring/Summer)	Term 4 (Fall)	Term 5 (Winter)
Thesis	Professional Seminar; 2 electives	3 electives	MA Research; Area Readings	MA Research	Thesis
Major Research Paper	Professional Seminar; 2 electives	3 electives	MA Research; Area Readings	MA Research; 1 elective	MRP; 1 elective

Enrolment: The program anticipates enrolling 13 students each year, for a steady state enrolment of 26. While the program will be attractive to students with an Honour’s BA in Philosophy, since many students discover philosophy late in their undergraduate career, it will also be attractive to those with an Honour’s BA in a related subject and who have substantial experience in philosophy at the undergraduate level.

3. The School of Graduate Studies has reviewed the proposal for a *Master of Professional Communication* listed below, and submits it to Senate for its approval for it to be sent to the

Ontario Council on Graduate Studies for external review ('standard appraisal'). Vol. I of the brief ('The Program') is available for review in the office of the Secretary of Senate, and Volumes I & II ('The Program', and 'Curricula Vitae') are available for review in the office of the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies (YDI-1109). Vol. I of the brief ('The Program') is also available for review at www.ryerson.ca/graduate/temp.
 Username: gradstudies Password: 4ryerson

Motion

That the Senate approve the submission of the proposal for a ***Master of Professional Communication*** to the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies for Standard Appraisal.

Note: Once a program is approved by OCGS, it is presented to the Board of Governors for approval.

The Provost has final authority to determine whether a program may proceed.

Ryerson University Master of Professional Communication Executive Summary

Ryerson University proposes to establish a Master of Professional Communication program that will address the growing societal need for formally qualified communication specialists to plan, implement and oversee organizational communication at an advanced level. The program is presented in recognition of several factors: the increasing impact of new technologies has revolutionized communication principles and practices over the past decade; this transformation has spurred a growing theoretical debate about the implications of such changes and created a pressing need for highly educated critical practitioners; graduate level education in Professional Communication in Canada lags significantly behind its US peers as evidenced by a survey of Canadian and US comparators and by interviews with Canadian industry executives. The proposed MPC provides the optimal balance between analytical/interpretive and practical knowledge needed to take advantage of this opportunity.

Ryerson's professional orientation and its urban campus in the centre of Canada's business capital make it ideally positioned to develop a graduate program in the emergent field of Professional Communication. The Department of Professional Communication is well-suited to offer the proposed MPC. Founded in 1972, the Department of Professional Communication (formerly Business and Technical Communication) currently provides a range of courses and a Business Communication Minor to undergraduate students. The demand for the Department's courses is high as reflected in its 3500 day course registrants and 1900 Continuing Education students. As part of the Faculty of Communication and Design (FCAD), the Department of Professional Communication will operate the proposed Master of Professional Communication in conjunction with the Edward S. Rogers School for Advanced Communication. The Rogers School is unique in Canada in its commitment to professionally-oriented graduate programs in communication. Graduate programs in the Rogers School are united by their interdisciplinary focus on communication studies, media technologies, and cultural production. Students in the MPC will benefit from facilities, opportunities and contacts arising within other programs. Like the other programs in the Rogers School, the MPC will be located in the Rogers Communication Centre, a state-of-the-art communication studies facility. The MPC program meets all of the conditions and requirements outlined in Ryerson University's Academic Plan as they relate to graduate programs of study. As stipulated by OCGS guidelines for professional masters' degrees, the program will be open to applicants from a range of undergraduate degrees.

The program curriculum is designed for full-time participants and anticipates accepting its first cohort of students in September 2009. The intake is targeted at twenty students per year. The program has a comprehensive core sequence of required courses, a range of electives that allow students to acquire expertise in an area of focus, an action-research internship, and a major paper and presentation (MPP) based on the internship. The requirement for the MPC degree is 10 course units over a period of three semesters including completion of the MPP. Student academic performance will be monitored each term through grade evaluations, a progress report at the end of the second semester, and meetings with faculty supervisors. The curriculum is represented in table form below:

FIRST SEMESTER		
Library Research Colloquium	Required	0
Professional Communication: History, Theory, Practice	Required	1
Research Methods	Required	1
The Virtual Organization	Required	1
Visual Rhetoric in Public Contexts	Required	1
SECOND SEMESTER		
Three Courses from Table I	Electives	3
Action-research Internship		1
THIRD SEMESTER		
Major Paper & Presentation (MPP) (based on internship)	Required	2
TOTAL CREDITS		10

TABLE I – ELECTIVE COURSES (1 Credit Each)
Advanced Editing and Document Design
Advanced Speaking and Presentation Technology
Audiences and the Public
Communication and Legal Issues
Communication and Technology
Crisis Communication
Media Languages
Proposal Writing, Grant Seeking and Fundraising
Special Topics in Professional Communication
Strategic Media Relations
Topics in Cross-Cultural Communication

Twenty-eight faculty provide extensive scholarly depth and professional diversity. There are ten core faculty committed exclusively to the MPC program. Nine of these hold doctorates while the tenth holds a law degree and is a doctoral candidate in the final stages. All have active research programs, all are tenured or tenure-stream, and many have professional experience. Complementing these ten core faculty, an additional eighteen faculty with expertise, professional practice and research records in numerous communication fields are associated with the program. Sixteen of these have doctorates.

Report of the Composition and By-Laws Committee
F2008-01
October 7, 2008

1. Senate Implementation Committee: The Committee approved the following Sub-Committee to implement the Report of the Senate Review Committee:
 - David Checkland, Senator, Arts (Philosophy), Chair
 - Dana Lee, Senator, Communication and Design (RTA)
 - Annick Mitchell, Senator, Continuing Education (Chair, Interior Design)
 - Diane Schulman, Secretary of Senate (non-voting)
 - Charles Sule, Graduate Student Senator (Environmental Applied Science & Management)
 - Neil Thomlinson, Senator, Arts (Chair, Politics)

MOTION: That the election procedures for 2009 be implemented in accordance with the Report of the Senate Review Committee approved at the June, 2008 meeting of Senate.

2. Department By-Laws Approval
The Committee reviewed the By-Laws submitted by the Department of Politics and Public Administration and determined that it meets the requirements specified in Senate Policy 45, *Constitutional Provisions for Department/School Councils*.

MOTION: That Senate approve the By-Laws of the Department of Politics and Public Administration Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheldon Levy, Chair for the Committee
David Checkland, Murtaza Haider, George Kapelos, Ronald Keeble, Dana Lee, Mohamed Malik, Annick Mitchell, Diane Schulman (non voting), Natasha Williams

TO: Deans, Chairs and Directors, Chief Librarian, Departmental and Administrative Assistants

CC: S. Levy, A. Shepard, M. Dewson, H. Lane Vetere, D. Kenyon, K. Alnwick, D. Glynn, K. Scullion, T. Kay, Alumni Office, Ryersonian, Eyeopener, Nightview

FROM: Diane R. Schulman, Secretary of Senate and Chief Electoral Officer

DATE: November 24, 2008

RE: **REVISED SENATE ELECTION PROCEDURES**

Attached are the revised *Senate Election Policies and Procedures* which are based on the implementation of the 2008 Senate review. Please note that the number of Senators for each Faculty has changed, as have the election procedures. **Elections to Senate will be held in February**. Please consult the timeline for the exact dates for nominations and elections.

Each Dean will receive a list of current members of Senate and their statuses. Faculty members who are in the middle of their two-year term shall be assumed to be completing that term. Faculty members who are completing their first two-year term may be nominated for a second two-year term. Students who are completing their first one-year term may be nominated for a second one-year term.

Note: All RFA faculty (except Chairs/Directors and Librarian) and student (except for RSU and CESAR) elections are held on-line. It is essential that nomination forms be sent to the senate office by Thursday, January 29, 2009 so that electronic ballots can be created.

Implementation of revised Senate membership for 2009-10: Plan for transition

Chair/Directors: As there is still one per Faculty, elections will be held as they have been in the past.

At-Large Faculty: There will be an election for eight at-large faculty Senators. This election will be held before the election of the Faculty Senators so that those who are not elected will be given the opportunity to stand for election from their Faculties (see timetable). They will be asked to indicate this option on their nomination form.

In order to ensure that there are always at-large seats available in each session, for this transition year only the four candidates who receive the highest number of votes will serve two-year terms, and the four who receive the next highest number of votes will serve one-year terms. Those who serve a one-year term would subsequently be eligible to serve two complete two-year terms. If there is a tie, or if there are only eight or fewer candidates, a lottery system will be used to determine the length of terms.

If there are insufficient nominees, the Senate Nominating Committee will present additional nominees to Senate.

Faculty: Currently there are four faculty Senators in each of the five Faculties. This will be reduced to three faculty. In each of the Faculties there are Senators whose terms will expire at the end of the 2008-09 session. Elections will be held to fill positions so that there are three faculty Senators from each Faculty.

Continuing Education Faculty: All five of the current faculty serving as Continuing Education Senators will be completing the first year of their first term and would normally have another year to serve in their term. Going forward, there will be only two CE faculty Senators. There shall be a new election for these two positions, with any of the current Senators eligible to be nominated for a new two-year term that shall be deemed their first term.

All other elections will be held as outlined in the procedures.

SENATE ELECTION TIMELINE 2009

E-Mail messages to students and faculty:	Monday, November 24, 2008
Nominations Open for all positions (submitted to Dean):	Monday, December 1, 2008
Information session for potential faculty candidates:	Monday, December 1, 2008
Nominations Close:	Friday, January 16, 2009
Nomination forms forwarded to Senate by Deans:	Monday, January 19, 2009
Candidates' profiles due to Senate for posting:	Monday, January 19, 2009
E-Mail messages announcing student, faculty-at-large and CE faculty candidates:	Wednesday, January 21, 2009
Student voter Eligibility lists verified by Registrar's Office:	Thursday, January 22, 2009
On-Line voting (students, faculty-at-large and CE faculty):	Friday, January 23 to Thursday, January 29, 2009
Verification of on-line votes (students, faculty-at-large and CE faculty):	Friday, January 30, 2009
E-Mail messages announcing Faculty candidates:	Monday, February 2, 2009
On-Line voting (Faculty):	Friday, February 6 to Wednesday February 11, 2009
Verification of on-line votes (Faculty)	Thursday, February 12, 2009
Election results for Chairs/Directors and Librarian forwarded to Senate by:	Friday, February 13, 2009
Election results for Participating Associates (Chang School and CUPE)	Friday, February 13, 2009

SENATE ELECTION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. SENATE MEMBERSHIP

1.1. Elected Voting Members (51)

- 1.1.1. **Chairs/Directors (5):** One from each Faculty, elected by and from the Chairs/Directors in that Faculty
- 1.1.2. **Faculty (15):** Three from each Faculty, elected by and from the full-time members of that Faculty.
- 1.1.3. **At-Large faculty (8):** Elected by and from all full-time faculty. (No more than 3 from any one Faculty.)
- 1.1.4. **Continuing Education faculty (2):** Elected by and from all full-time teaching faculty who are teaching at least one course in that Continuing Education Division in the year of their election, or who serve on Continuing Education committees such as the Chang School Council.
- 1.1.5. **Librarian (1):** Elected by and from the full-time librarians.
- 1.1.6. **Ryerson Faculty Association (RFA) (1):** Specifically elected to the position, as determined by the RFA, who is eligible to serve on Senate as defined by the Ryerson Act.
- 1.1.7. **Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE Local 3904):** Specifically elected to the position, as determined by CUPE, who is eligible to serve on Senate as defined by the Ryerson Act.
- 1.1.8. **Faculty Undergraduate Students (5):** One from each of the five Faculties, elected by and from students registered in that Faculty (see eligibility).
- 1.1.9. **At-Large Undergraduate Students (5):** Elected by and from all undergraduate students (see eligibility). (No more than 2 from any one Faculty)
- 1.1.10. **Continuing Education Students (2):** Elected by and from those students enrolled in a Continuing Education course creditable to a degree, diploma or certificate program, and not enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program.
- 1.1.11. **Graduate students (2):** Elected by and from those students of the University enrolled in a graduate studies program
- 1.1.12. **Ryerson Students' Union (RSU) (1):** Elected specifically to the position as specified in the By-Laws of RSU.
- 1.1.13. **Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson (CESAR) (1):** Elected specifically to the position as specified in the By-Laws of CESAR.
- 1.1.14. **Alumni (2):** Elected by and from alumni of the University.

1.2. Elected Participating Associates (Non-Voting) (4)

- 1.2.1. **Chang School Representatives (2):** Elected by and from Chang School Program Directors
- 1.2.2. **Part-time, Sessional and Continuing Education Instructors (CUPE 1 and 2) (2):** Elected by and from all CUPE 1 and 2 instructors who are teaching at least one course in the year of their election.

1.3. Ex-Officio Voting Members (18)

- 1.3.1. As defined in the Ryerson Act: Chancellor, President, Vice Presidents (4), Deans (7), Registrar and Chief Librarian.
- 1.3.2. As stipulated in Senate By Laws: Associate Vice Provosts (3)

2. TERMS (July 1 of the year elected – June 30 of year in which term ends.)

- 2.1. Elected faculty: 2 years, re-election possible for a second consecutive term
- 2.2. Elected students: 1 year, re-election possible for a second consecutive term
- 2.3. Elected alumni: 2 years, re-election possible for a second consecutive term
- 2.4. Participating Associates: 2 years, re-election possible for a second consecutive term

3. ELECTORAL RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1. The Chief Electoral Officer (Secretary of Senate) shall:

- 3.1.1. set the timeline for Senate elections;
- 3.1.2. provide instructions on the conduct of elections;
- 3.1.3. provide standard nomination forms;
- 3.1.4. co-ordinate the central dissemination of information about the election, primarily through electronic notices, official election proclamation posters displayed on campus and advertisements in student newspapers;
- 3.1.5. convene an orientation session for potential candidates;
- 3.1.6. coordinate the posting of ballots on the Ryerson website;
- 3.1.7. verify the results of on-line voting; and
- 3.1.8. announce arrangements for at-large faculty and/or student all-candidate meeting, if requested by two or more candidates; and
- 3.1.9. report election results to Senate, including the number of votes received by each student candidate and the total number of votes cast for each position.

3.2. The Deans of the Five Faculties shall (see timelines for dates):

- 3.2.1. collect and verify faculty and student nomination forms (both for Faculty and at-large seats) from their Faculty;
- 3.2.2. forward nomination forms to the Chief Electoral Officer the day after the close of nominations;
- 3.2.3. announce faculty and student candidates to their Faculties by means of an e-mail memorandum and poster at least one week prior to elections;
- 3.2.4. announce arrangements for faculty and/or student all-candidate meeting, if requested by two or more candidates and inform all at-large candidates of the meeting; and
- 3.2.5. conduct the election of one Chair/Director from the Faculty and forward the nomination forms and election results to the Chief Electoral Officer.

3.3. The Dean of The Chang School of Continuing Education shall (see timeline for dates):

- 3.3.1. prepare lists of RFA faculty and student voters and candidates eligible to vote and be nominated from the Chang School;
- 3.3.2. collect and verify faculty and student nomination forms for the Chang School seats;
- 3.3.3. forward nomination forms to the Chief Electoral Officer the day after the close of nominations;
- 3.3.4. announce faculty and student candidates to eligible voters by means of an email memorandum and poster at least one week prior to elections;
- 3.3.5. announce arrangements for faculty and/or student all-candidate meeting, if requested by two or more candidates and inform all at-large candidates of the meeting; and
- 3.3.6. conduct an election of two Participating Associates (non-voting) by and from eligible Chang School Program Directors.

3.4. The Dean of the School of Graduate Studies shall be responsible for the election of two graduate students and shall (see timelines for dates):

- 3.4.1. collect verified nomination student nomination forms;
- 3.4.2. forward nomination forms to the Chief Electoral Officer the day after the close of nominations;
- 3.4.3. announce student candidates by means of an e-mail memorandum and poster at least one week prior to elections; and
- 3.4.4. announce arrangements for all-candidate meetings, if requested by two or more candidates .

3.5. The Chief Librarian shall (see timelines for dates):

- 3.5.1. conduct the election of one Librarian from the full-time Librarians and forward the nomination forms and election results to the Chief Electoral Officer by the deadline date;
- 3.5.2. announce candidates by means of an email memorandum and poster at least one week prior to elections; and

3.5.3. announce arrangements for all-candidate meetings, if requested by two or more candidates.

3.6. RFA, CUPE, RSU and CESAR shall each inform the Chief Electoral Officer of the process and timelines for the election of their representatives, conduct these elections by and from their eligible constituencies and report the results to the Chief Electoral Officer immediately following their elections.

3.7. The **Alumni Director** shall solicit nominations for two alumni representatives, eligible as defined below, and shall hold elections in a manner agreed upon with the Chief Electoral Officer.

4. VOTER AND CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

4.1. Chair and Faculty: According to the Ryerson Act faculty Senators must be “full-time employees of the University whose principal duty is the performance of the teaching function or research function of the University”. Continuing Education representatives must meet these criteria and be deemed eligible by the Dean of Continuing Education.

4.2. Librarian: All full-time RFA Librarians are eligible to be nominated and vote.

4.3. Student:

4.3.1. Faculty, Graduate Studies and At-Large: Students registered in an undergraduate program or course of study in a Faculty, leading to a degree or diploma of the University, are eligible to be candidates or nominators and voters in that Faculty. Students registered in a graduate program are similarly eligible in the School of Graduate Studies. Students who have not registered in any courses for the past three semesters are not eligible.

4.3.2. Continuing Education: Students enrolled in a Continuing Education course creditable to a degree, diploma or certificate program, and not enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program, are eligible to be candidates or nominators and voters in the School of Continuing Education.

4.4. Alumni: “Persons who have received degrees, diplomas or certificates from Ryerson Institute of Technology, Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Ryerson Polytechnic University or Ryerson University and who are no longer registered as students.”

5. NOMINATION PROCESS

5.1. Announcement of Elections: A University-wide Proclamation is posted in all campus buildings, on the Senate website and in campus newspapers, and an email memorandum is sent to all faculty and students prior to the opening of nominations informing them of the dates of Senate elections, the date for the opening of nominations, the date nominations close, and where further information and nomination forms can be obtained.

5.2. Nomination period: Nominations are open for two weeks in January.

5.3. Information Session: Interested parties may attend an information session held by the Chief Electoral Officer.

5.4. Nomination Forms: The appropriate official nomination form, posted on the Senate website, must be completed and filed with the appropriate Dean or Chief Librarian.

5.4.1. The eligibility of all nominees and seconders must be verified by the Dean or Chief Librarian.

5.4.2. Students must obtain the authorization of the Registrar’s Office.

5.4.3. All nominations must be signed and seconded.

5.4.4. Seconders may only second as many nomination forms as there are positions for that office. (e.g. 2 faculty nominations from a particular Faculty.)

5.4.5. The Chief Electoral Officer must receive all nomination forms, which have been date-stamped upon receipt in the Dean’s offices, by the day following the close of

nominations.

- 5.5. Faculty Nominations:** Faculty-at-large and CE faculty elections shall be held before the Faculty elections, and those nominated for the Faculty-at-large or CE positions will be asked to indicate on their nomination forms if they wish to stand for election in their Faculty if not elected to the at-large or CE position.
- 5.6. Posting for Senate website:** Each candidate may supply a short paragraph on themselves and their candidacy and a digital photograph for posting on the Senate website.
- 5.7. Acclamation:** If at the close of nominations the number of candidates is equal or less than the number of seats available for that constituency, the candidates shall be acclaimed.
- 5.8. Insufficient nominations:** If there are insufficient nominations for any position, the Senate Nominating Committee shall present nominees, in keeping with the general rules of distribution, directly to the Senate.

6. CAMPAIGN PROCESS

6.1. Publication of candidates names

- 6.1.1.** A notice will be issued via the official Ryerson e-mail system immediately after the close of nominations to identify all candidates, list the dates of the elections and provide the on-line voting procedure.
- 6.1.2.** A section will be created on the Senate website for the posting of candidate campaign materials. Materials are subject to the approval of the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 6.1.3.** Each Dean will send an email to their faculty and students and post the names of candidates in their Faculty and the At-Large candidates.
- 6.1.4. Campaign period:** Candidates may not campaign until they receive notification from the Senate that their nomination has been accepted and campaigning may continue through the end of the voting period.

6.2. Campaign conduct

- 6.2.1. Freedom to campaign:** All candidates are to be given equal opportunity to campaign. No candidate may allow or condone any actions to destroy, deface, move, cover or remove signs, banners, or any form of publicity installed by other candidates or supporters.
- 6.2.2. Campaign material protocol:** Candidates must represent themselves accurately in any publicity about their accomplishments, positions, or any other data intended to influence voters.
- 6.2.3. Campaigning in Computer Labs:** Candidates are prohibited from soliciting votes in computer labs by word or by handing out or hanging campaign materials.
- 6.2.4. Group advertising:** Any advertising of candidates by an official Ryerson University organization, such as CESAR, CUPE, RFA, RSU, Student Course Unions, etc. must mention all members of the candidates' constituency. (For example, The Ryerson Faculty Association may mention on its website the upcoming election and all the RFA candidates.)
- 6.2.5. Use of telephone or email systems:** The use of non-personal telephone or email system groups, or mandatory (institutional) listservs to broadcast or send messages regarding individual candidates is prohibited. The Chief Electoral Officer should be contacted if there are any questions about appropriate electronic campaigning.
- 6.2.6. Non-Compliant behaviour:** Improper use of telephone or email systems, errors or falsehoods in nomination or campaign materials, destruction or tampering with the election materials of others, and other non-compliant campaign behaviour will be referred to the Academic Policy and Governance Committee of the Senate which will impose appropriate remedies or penalties. Penalties may include: public correction of false statements or written retractions/apologies in Ryerson University campus newspapers, revocation of eligibility of the candidate or overturning of the election results. Students may also be subject to penalties under the Student Code of Non-Academic Conduct.

7. VOTING PROCESS

7.1. Communication: Information on voting will be distributed via Ryerson email, posted on the Senate website, published in relevant student newspapers, alumni magazines and on posters throughout the University.

7.2. Voting period: On-line voting will be established by the Chief Electoral Officer.

7.3. On-Line Voting Process

7.3.1. Students and faculty will be notified of the dates and times of the vote, as well as the candidates, through their Ryerson official e-mail account.

7.3.2. Only students certified as eligible by the Office of the Registrar on the Wednesday of the week preceding the election shall be eligible to vote.

7.3.3. Only faculty who meet the criteria for their constituent group shall be eligible to vote in that group.

7.3.4. Computer and Communications Services (CCS) shall coordinate the process of posting faculty and student ballots on the Ryerson Blackboard system. Ballots will reflect only the constituency in which the faculty of student can vote.

7.3.5. Each faculty member and student will have access to a ballot that only contains the names of the Faculty and At-Large candidates for whom they are eligible to vote.

7.4. Voter Turnout: No minimum voter turnout is required to validate an election.

7.5. Election Results

7.5.1. The results of the election will be established electronically in the Office of the Secretary of Senate, with the assistance of a representative of CCS. If a candidate wishes to have one examiner present to witness the validation, the Secretary of Senate must be notified at least three (3) working days in advance. Examiners must have written authorization from the candidate they represent. Candidates may not act as examiners.

7.5.2. At-Large candidates will be elected such that there are normally no more than three (3) faculty and two (2) students from any one Faculty. (e.g. if a fourth faculty member, or third student, from a Faculty receives the next highest number of votes, that person is excluded and the next highest who qualifies is elected.) Only if there is an insufficient number of Senators elected through this process will excluded candidates become elected.

7.5.3. The Deans shall be notified immediately of the results of the elections.

7.5.4. Once all candidates have been notified by the Senate of the election results, the names of those elected shall be posted on the Senate website, and all students shall be notified via e-mail.

7.5.5. A report including the number of votes received by each student candidate will be prepared for Senate.

7.5.6. In the event that two or more candidates receive the same number of votes, the winner will be determined by means of either a coin toss (for two candidates) or a dice toss (for more than two candidates). The toss will be administered by the Chief Electoral Officer and the results shall be final.

7.5.7. Insufficient number of candidates – see section 5.8.

7.6. Appeals

7.6.1. The Chief Electoral Officer shall hear any grievances which may arise in the electoral process and provide a report to the Academic Governance and Policy Committee (AGPC) on the grievances and their disposition.

7.6.2. If the Chief Electoral Officer and/or the AGPC deem it necessary, a committee will be convened to deal with any grievances.

Nominating Report
F2008-01
October 7, 2008

Note that members of the Nominating Committee abstain from voting on their own nomination to any committee.

MOTION: That Senate approve the nominees to Senate and Senate Standing Committees as presented in this report.

Senate Replacements (to fulfill uncompleted terms)

Sherry Espin, faculty, Community Services (Nursing)
Avner Levin, Chair, Ted Rogers School of Management (Law)
April Lindgren, faculty, Communication and Design (Journalism)
Jane Saber, faculty, Ted Rogers School of Management (Marketing)
Joseph Zboralski, CUPE I

Animal Care Committee

Ana Pejovic-Milic, Physics (Nominated by Vice President, Research and Innovation)
Andrew Papadopoulos, Community Member

Awards & Ceremonials Committee

Phil Schalm, Chang School of Continuing Education

Research Ethics Board

Joseph Springer, Community Services (Urban and Regional Planning)

Faculty Members-at-Large

Betinna West, Business Management
Sharon Wong, Nutrition
Hyacinth Simpson, English
Martin Habekost, Graphics Communications Management
Patrick Neumann, Mechanical Engineering
Lynn Lavallee, Social Work

Student Members

Alireza Shirazi, Graduate, Mechanical Engineering
Anjali Patel, Undergraduate, Nutrition
Johanna Prehogan, Undergraduate, Nutrition

Senate Appeals Committee

Piero Dodaro, Student, Arts (Politics and Public Administration)
Darius Sookram, Student, Arts (Politics and Public Administration)

MOTION: That Senate approve the nominees to the Presidential Advisory Review Committee as presented in this report.

Presidential Advisory Review Committee: Senate Nominees

Ken Jones, Dean, Ted Rogers School of Management
George Kapelos, School of Architecture
Annick Mitchell, Chair, School of Interior Design
Melanie Panitch, Director, School of Disability Studies

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie Panitch, Chair (for the Committee)

M. Antony, C. Cassidy, Y. Derbal, S. Dhebar, K. Jones, J. Macalik, R. Ravindran, D. Sookram, C. Sule,
D. Schulman (non-voting)



RYERSON UNIVERSITY

Office of the General Counsel and Board Secretariat

MEMORANDUM

To: Diane Schulman, Director, Office of the Provost and Vice President Academic,
and Secretary of Senate

From: Heather Driscoll, Secretary, Presidential Advisory Review Committee

Subject: Presidential Advisory Review Committee (PARC)

Date: September 24, 2008

SUMMARY:

The By-Laws of the University require that a presidential review be conducted at this point in the President's term of office. A Presidential Advisory Review Committee (PARC) must be constituted to complete the presidential review.

Based on the review, the PARC will provide its recommendation on the President's reappointment to the Board of Governors.

The By-Laws of the University outline the PARC's composition in detail. The Senate is being asked to appoint its four members to the PARC at its October 7th meeting. Following the process established by Senate for the last presidential search, the Senate is being asked to appoint members representing teaching faculty and senior academic administration. The Board will then appoint its seven members to serve on the PARC at its October 20th meeting. These seven will include representation from students, administrative staff and alumni, as required by the By-Laws.

REVIEW PROCESS

A presidential review is a way to seek input from the University community and key stakeholders regarding the President's performance in achieving the priorities that the President and the Board have agreed to each year of his term.

The By-Laws require that the review include input from students, teaching faculty, administrative staff, alumni, government representatives and donors.

The Chair of the Board of Governors must strike a Presidential Advisory Review Committee (PARC) composed of the Board Chair (who chairs the PARC), Vice Chair of the Board, 7

other members of the Board appointed by the Board and 4 members of the Senate appointed by the Senate.

Among the appointed members from the Board and Senate the PARC must include members of the administrative staff, alumni, teaching faculty and students.

The decision by the President whether to seek a second term and of the Board regarding re-appointment must happen prior to January 31, 2009, which is 18 months prior to the termination of the President's first term and the date before which the Chair would have to strike a search committee in the event that this was required. (By-laws article 13.3 and 13.5).

RE: The Provincial Day of Action to Drop Tuition Fees

Whereas the Ryerson Students' Union (RSU) and the Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson (CESAR) are working with other students' unions from across the province through the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) to lobby the provincial government to increase per-student funding in Post Secondary Education to above the national average and to drop fees for all students; and

Whereas both students' unions have planned lawful lobbying activities, such as rallies, fax – ins and petition drives, for the province-wide Day of Action to Drop Fees on November 5, 2008; and

Whereas in 2006 Ryerson Senate (then Academic Council) passed a motion calling on the provincial government to freeze tuition fees until 2008; and

Whereas in 2006 Ryerson Senate passed a motion which and endorsed lawful activities on the February 7 Day of Action to increase awareness around the need for Canada and Ontario to reinvest in affordable, high-quality education at the post-secondary level and directed the Provost to communicate to faculty that they should make every effort to accommodate students while maintaining the integrity of courses; and

Whereas Ontario tuition fees are now the third highest in the country and undergraduate domestic students are facing on average \$28,000 in student debt for a four year programme and international students are facing an average cost of \$22,000 per year in a programme; and

Whereas Ryerson prides itself on being a campus where students are encouraged to be engaged and exercise their right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly; and

Whereas each year faculty are encouraged to accommodate students who wish to miss class and participate in the Ryerson Students' Union's Annual Parade and Picnic via an memo written by the Provost; and

Be it resolved that Ryerson Senate encourage all course instructors for the fall term to refrain from penalizing missed attendance and setting academic deadlines for tests, assignments and exams on November 5, 2008; and

Be it further resolved that Ryerson Senate encourage course instructors to provide reasonable access, for students participating in the day of action, to materials covered on November 5th, 2008; and

Be it further resolved that the Provost communicate the academic provisions contained within this motion to all faculty, instructors and staff and students by email and campus news.

Moved: Rebecca Rose

Seconded: Tania Hassan