

MINUTES OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Members Present:

Ex-Officio:

K. Alnwick
E. Aspevig
S. Boctor
C. Cassidy
M. Dewson
L. Grayson
A. Kahan
T. Knowlton
C. Lajeunesse
I. Levine
C. Matthews
J. Sandys
P. Stenton
S. Williams
M. Yeates

Faculty:

M. Barber
D. Checkland
S. Cody
J. Cook
J. Dianda
M. Dionne
C. Evans
P. George
G. Inwood
N. Lister
A. Lohi
L. Lum
D. McKessock
D. Mason
R. Mendelson
J. Monro
S. O'Neill
K. Penny
A. Pevec
K. Raahemifar
F. Salustri
P. Schneiderman
D. Shipley
D. Snyder

Students:

V. Campbell
A. Cherrie
A. Deslauriers
N. Felorzabihi
B. Lewis
C. Livett
D. Luther
K. Marciniec
S. Marshall
S. Mirowski
R. Rodrigues
E. Sullivan

Alumni:

V. O'Brien

Regrets:

M. Booth
M. Dowler
J. Gryn
Z. Khan
D. Martin
M. Mazerolle
E. Trott

Absent:

Moyeed Uddin Ahmed
G. Diamantakos
D. Elder
B. Murray
R. Nazareth
R. Ravindran
K. Tucker Scott

- 1. President's Report** - The President announced the first two Ryerson Research Chairs, introducing Prof. Bruce Elder, Faculty of Communication and Design and Dr. Bin Wu, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science. Dr. Judith Sandys, Associate Vice President Academic, outlined the process by which the Chairs were nominated and approved. She outlined the proposals of the two Chairs and their research efforts. She further commended all of the submissions, and announced that the next round of nominations would begin within the next few weeks. Drs. Lajeunesse, Aspevig and Sandys presented the recipients with their award letters.

The President called on Dr. Michael Guerriere, Chair of the Board of Governors, to address Academic Council concerning the search for the next President of Ryerson. Dr. Guerriere confirmed that Academic Council was being asked to appoint four members to the Search Committee, that the only members of the committee who are currently known are the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board, and that the remaining seven members would be appointed by and from the Board after the Academic Council appointees were known.

Dr. Guerriere stated that there will be consultations with the University community regarding the attributes of, and mandate for, the next President. Although these are the responsibility of the Board, he believes it essential that the views of Academic Council and other communities within Ryerson be made known to the Board. Dr. Joann Trypuc has been engaged as an outside consultant to assist in the consultation process and the Search Committee. In addition to the consultations, written submissions from individuals or groups to the committee will be accepted. Dr. Guerriere will attend as many of the meetings as possible, but the entire Search Committee will be engaged in the consultation process. He is also considering which external people should be consulted. The objective would be to get their views, but also to let these leaders know what Ryerson is doing.

Dr. Guerriere suggested that Academic Council set aside some time to consider and discuss the attributes of, and mandate for, the new President, and if invited, he would be glad to attend. This discussion would be very informative for external Board members.

In response to questions on the timeline of the process, Dr. Guerriere responded that the current Presidential term expires in July 2005, that the Search Committee's final recommendation should be made by December 2004, and that the final appointment of the new President should be made by January 2005 to allow for a smooth transition. The first meeting of the committee should be in April. The actual timeline will be established by the committee. The consultation process will be launched before the committee is in place, and from a practical standpoint the consultation should probably not go past the summer. There is currently no search consultant, and this decision is left to the committee.

In response to a question regarding the composition of the Search Committee, Dr. Guerriere clarified that Board membership will be determined after Academic Council has selected its members to ensure that there is at least one representative each from faculty, staff, alumni and students. Members of the Board have been asked to express their interest in serving on

the committee, but Dr. Guerriere was not at liberty to disclose the responses. He noted that because it appoints more members, the Board has more flexibility in its selection than does Academic Council. He has sought to maximize the freedom of Academic Council in its selection. There have already been informal requests from some constituencies to have more than one representative. The key issue, he believes, is to establish a committee of dedicated, interested people and it would be a disservice to the University to expect the person selected from a particular constituency to be the sole representative of that constituency.

He clarified that once information goes to the Search Committee as part of the written consultation process, it will be confidential.

Dr. Guerriere was thanked, and the President's report continued.

The Speech from the Throne addressed: a commitment to enhanced accessibility to post-secondary education; a promise to work with the provinces to modernize the Canada Student Loans program, including measures to increase loan limits; a new grant for low-income students in their first year of post-secondary education; and a broadening of eligible expenses. There was also a commitment to engage universities in the science agenda and to put an emphasis on life-long learning.

The President showed a toque that can be purchased as part of the "Raise the Roof" program to support the homeless.

2. Report of the Secretary of Academic Council

D. Schulman outlined the report as presented in the agenda.

3. The Good of the University – K. Penny chaired.

K. Alnwick clarified that CAAT Business Administration Diploma graduates and graduates of approved CAAT Business Administration Diplomas specializing in Computer Programming, Information Technology or Telecommunications, whose admission to Ryerson's Information Technology Management program was approved at Council's December 2003 meeting, will be following the revised ITM curriculum as approved by Academic Council on February 4, 2003.

A. Deslauriers stated that graduate students have difficulty with delays related to scholarship and Academic Assistant pay. She also suggested there be a graduate student satisfaction survey. L. Grayson stated that the scholarship issue had not been brought to her attention, and she would look into the matter. The broader issue of a survey of graduate school should be left to the Graduate School.

J. Cook raised three issues. First, he was pleased to see P. Stenton and A. Kahan at the table, but expressed his concern about the lack of a library representative on Council. He believes that the University should not operate as if the Ryerson Act cannot be changed. Second, he expressed concern about the lack of consultation on, and information concerning, the appointments of administrators. His third issue concerned decisions about the allocation of

space, and particularly the limitation of the Faculty of Arts to four floors of Jorgenson Hall. He asserted that administration could be moved to space on Yonge Street rather than assigning that space to Faculty of Arts departments.

C. Matthews spoke to the role of librarians on Council, and urged Council to do whatever possible to have a librarian elected to Council. M. Barber also spoke in favour of this. It was clarified that the issue had been brought to the Composition and By-Laws Committee several times. C. Lajeunesse commented that the Act would not be revised in the next year and a half. The possibility of amending the Act will be reviewed. D. Checkland questioned what would happen legally if a librarian was appointed.

V. Campbell spoke to the issue of space for the Faculty of Arts, as well as funding for Arts. She commented that most money, including SuperBuild funds, seems to be spent on technology programs. C. Lajeunesse commented that the first SuperBuild money was for the Sally Horsfall Eaton Center for Studies in Community Health.

J. Cook asked for clarification on the procedures for the reappointment of Vice Presidents and the Provost. C. Lajeunesse responded that the appointments of Academic Vice Presidents, Deans and Chairs are covered by the Reedyk report. The Vice Presidents of Administration and University Advancement are not covered by the Reedyk report, and are appointed by the Board by recommendation of the President. He has been delegated the responsibility of the appointment of the interim Provost by the Board. M. Dewson clarified that the Reedyk report (currently known as the AAA Policy), written by a committee chaired by Prof. Reedyk a number of years ago, sets out the policy for the selection of academic administrators. It is Board Policy and is available on the Vice Provost's website.

4. Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the January 13, 2004

Moved by D. Mason, seconded by J. Monro

It was noted that D. Mason and L. Grayson were present

Page 19 – “advanced” should read “advance”

Motion approved.

5. Business Arising out of the Minutes

There was no further Business arising.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

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

K. Alnwick reminded Council that changes are normally due in December, but the deadline was extended to the January meeting. The changes presented at this meeting were anticipated, but he clarified that implementation of late submissions is a concern.

E. Aspevig reviewed the submissions from the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Community Services.

M. Yeates presented the report from the School of Graduate Studies and moved the following:

Motion: That Academic Council approve the submission of the proposal for a Master of Arts in Public Policy and Administration to the Ontario Council of Graduate Studies for standard appraisal.

G. Inwood seconded

The submission is ready to go to OCGS. A summary of the report is presented in the agenda. A masters program has become a requirement for the middle management level in the field, and there is no masters program like the one proposed in Toronto. J. Shields, Department of Politics, addressed Council, stating that the external reviewers of the undergraduate program had urged the department to move in this direction and to build on its partnerships and its strong undergraduate program.

It was clarified that this is not a cost-recovery program and the program will be instituted when there is funding. C. Johns was commended for her work on the proposal.

Motion approved.

M. Yeates then presented a series of courses from York University which will be cross-listed at Ryerson for the Communication and Culture Program.

8. Reports of Committees

8.1 Report of the Nominating Committee

K. Raahemifar reported and moved

Motion: That Academic Council approve the following slate of candidates to represent Academic Council on the Presidential Search Committee 2004-05.

Stalin Bector, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Michelle Dionne, Faculty, Department of Psychology

Maurice Mazerole, Faculty, School of Business Management

Sue Williams, Dean, Faculty of Community Services

C. Cassidy seconded.

C. Cassidy gave some background on the Nominating Committee discussion. It is important that the representatives speak as Ryersonians. As there are only four Academic Council representatives on a committee of 13, there was no way to represent every constituent group, but it is important that the committee show themselves as more than a conglomerate of constituencies. It was recognized that the Board is required to ensure that all constituencies are represented. The committee wrote to the Chair of the Board asking that a minimum of two students be appointed from the Board.

The committee nominated two Deans as they have an important range of experience as faculty and as chairs. There is a whole level of University experience above the Faculty level which can only be experienced from the Dean's level up. It is important to have people who can articulate and appreciate this domain, and the Board cannot appoint Deans as there are none on the Board. Two deans were nominated who could bring a wide range of different, yet complimentary, experience and perspective. The other two nominees represent the future of Ryerson and the hundreds of new faculty who will join Ryerson in the near future. They are young, articulate faculty, who are excited about Ryerson and who can bring this enthusiasm to the Presidential Search Committee.

D. Checkland asked if the Nominating Committee took into consideration that there were some members who were precluded due to term continuation limitations. It was explained that all members were considered who could be re-nominated for another term. He suggested that, in light of the upcoming discussion by the Board which may change its By-Law in this regard, the report be tabled for the next meeting.

Motion: To table the Report of the Nominating Committee until the next meeting of Academic Council.

D. Checkland moved, B. Lewis seconded.

24 approved, 19 opposed. **Motion approved.**

8.2 Report of the Academic Standards Committee

E. Aspevig moved and M. Zeytinoglu presented.

The report as presented was outlined.

Motion: That Academic Council approve the designation of Bachelor of Science (Computer Science) for students graduating from the Computer Science Program.

Seconded by S. Boctor

It was explained that the degree name reflects the program name.

Motion approved.

Motion: That Academic Council approve the proposed curriculum restructuring in Computer Science.

Seconded by D. Mason

The report was outlined as presented.

It was clarified that there will be a one or two-hour's reduction in lab hours.

J. Dianda noted that MTH 108 is a prerequisite to MTH 310, but has been moved to be taken after MTH310 in the new curriculum. Both D. Mason and S. Boctor confirmed that the prerequisite would be removed. K. Alnwick confirmed that the matter was a technicality and

that based on the presentation made to ASC, the success of students was a primary concern. The calendar would reflect both the changes and the changes to the prerequisite.

Motion approved subject to correction of prerequisite for MTH 310.

9. New Business

J. Cook requested an answer to the questions he had raised during “Good of the University” on space allocation.

It was agreed that there would be a discussion at the next meeting concerning the timing and logistics of the Academic Council consultation on the Presidential search.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane R. Schulman, PhD
Secretary of Academic Council