

1. **President's Report** – The President read a letter sent to Loretta Rogers expressing Ryerson's condolences on the passing of Ted Rogers this morning. The letter is appended to the minutes of this meeting. He gave a short summary of the substantial contributions Ted Rogers has made to Ryerson.

The President thanked everyone who attended the Town Hall meeting on the budget last week, and Senators are encouraged to visit the website and email questions if they have them.

R. Rose asked about the update on the closing of Gould Street. The President replied that a formal request was put into the city and the response was a request for a series of reports mainly on traffic counts. Ryerson will comply with this request, but will advocate for the closing and hopes that the process will not be mired in bureaucracy. The President stated that people must be put ahead of vehicles.

The President and Vice President Research and Innovation, T. Venetsanopoulos presented the Sarwan Sahota Award to Liping Fang, Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering.

P. Stenton presented the Performance Indicators, November, 2008, distributed with the agenda. He highlighted a few changes from last year.

- Table A – the priorities have been updated to include the priorities for the new academic plan.
- Indicator 5A has had a change in definition
- Indicator 17 on graduate completion rates has been changed to make the date of completion to be more in line with that used at other universities.
- Another indicator has been added to 17 to show average time for graduate degree completion.

The apparent decline in scholarships and bursaries really indicates a change in timelines, so that some show up in a different year.

Y. Derbal asked about the indicators on Experiential Learning. He asked if there could be an indicator that shows the number of students involved overall. P. Stenton stated that he is working with the Experiential Learning Office on this, and that this data would require special surveys outside of the normal database.

It was clarified that indicators on employment rates are for undergraduate students only. Senators are invited to ask P. Stenton questions via email.

2. **Report of the Secretary of Senate** – The Secretary reported that nominations are open for Senate for 2009. They will remain open until January 16, 2009 to allow time for faculty and students to be nominated under the new Senate election rules regarding at-large and Faculty representatives.

3. **Good of the University** – A. Mitchell chaired. A. Kahan introduced P. Shanks as the new Director of Development.

R. Rose reported on the Day of Action in November. Ryerson students participated.

D. Mason announced that the December 6 memorial would be on December 5 in the Quad. He also announced that there was one outstanding item in the RFA negotiations on Faculty Course Surveys. There has been a tentative agreement on that issue, and that agreement will go to the membership for ratification.

4. **Minutes**
MOTION: That Senate approve the minutes of the November 4, 2008 meeting.
D. Mason moved, H. Mwendwa seconded.

Motion approved.

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes** – There was none.

6. **Correspondence** – There was none.

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

Pages 112-119 (course changes from GCM) are to be removed from the package of course change forms.

8. **Reports of Committees**

8.1 Report of the Composition and By-Laws Committee – D. Checkland reported on the changes to the Senate By-Law, which will be brought for a vote at the January meeting. He made a short presentation on the main areas and distributed a diagram of the reporting structure for standing committees. He reported that meeting procedures are outlined in the By-Law, and Bourinot's will become the guiding rules. The "Good of the University" has been eliminated from the agenda and replaced by Announcements and Members' Business.

D. Mason stated that the By-Law is amazing overall. He commented that in section 9.3.9 *in camera* meetings cannot all be *in camera* as there needs to be a motion to go *in camera*. There should be an indication of what the motion to go *in camera* should include following the procedure outlined in the Board By-Law.

S. Dhebar commended the group on their work.

A. Levin stated that in 8.3, section on Department/School Councils are required of all Departments and Schools, not just those with programs. This will be clarified for the final By-Law submission.

R. Rose asked about making a motion from the floor if the deadline was missed. It was explained that if there are timeliness issues with a motion from the floor the Senate can vote on the motion. Otherwise the motion needs to be sent to the Senate by the agenda deadline.

Z. Murphy commented that the Library has copies of Bourinot's Rules. The Secretary also has copies that are available for Senators.

The President stated that Senate apparently has great confidence in the work of the Committee.

8.2 Report of the Academic Standards Committee

8.2.1 MOTION: That Senate approve the Certificate in Sustainability for the G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education.

J. Hanigsberg moved, D. Mason seconded.

Motion approved.

8.2.2 MOTION: That Senate approve the proposed revisions to admission requirements for the Direct Entry Program in Early Childhood Education.

M. Abadir moved, C. Stuart seconded.

Motion approved.

9. **New Business** - There was none.
10. **Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of Senate