

SENATE MINUTES OF MEETING
TUESDAY, May 6, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

EX-OFFICIO:	FACULTY:		STUDENTS:
J. P. Boudreau	D. Checkland	A. McWilliams	A. Adeli
M. Bountrogianni	M. Dionne	J. P. Pascal	D. Anderson
U. George	S. Dolgoy	A. Pejovic-Milic	A. Hassan
C. Hack	C. Falzon	K. Raahemifar	A. Lam
S. Krishnan	A. Ferworn	S. Rahkmayil	P. Noorzad
M. Lachemi	D. Greatrix	A. Saloojee	J. Rodriguez
M. Lefebvre	F. Gunn	N. Thomlinson	U. Siddiqui
S. Levy	A. Hunter	K. Tucker-Scott	M. Tabatabaei Anaraki
J. Mactavish	E. Kam	P. Walsh	S. Torabi
D. O'Neil Green	V. Magness	N. Walton	
P. Stenton	J. Martin	J. Wolofsky	
SENATE ASSOCIATES:			
M. Lee Blickstead			
A.M. Brinsmead			
REGRETS:	ABSENT:		ALUMNI:
L. Bloomberg	S. Campbell		G. Farok
D. Chant	L. Di Cintio		M. Sarkis
I. Coe	P. Diverlus		
W. Cukier	G. Goldar		
C. Evans	R. Hoilett		
J. Hanigsberg	Md. Sirajul Islam		
G. Hauck	M. Ismail		
J. Isbister	D. Mason		
A. Kahan	D. Rose		
H. Lane Vetere	F. Stewart		
L. Lavallée	D. Valliere		
S. Murphy			
R. Ravindran			
C. Zamaria			

The meeting started at 5:00 p.m. with the Committee of the Whole roundtable discussions regarding the Presidential Search. The following questions were discussed.

1. What are the strengths upon which Ryerson should build over the next five to ten years?
 2. What are the challenges the institution will face during this period?
 3. Given these strengths and challenges, what should be the next President's key priorities?
 4. What are the implications of these priorities as it relates to the required experience and leadership attributes we must seek in the next President?
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1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: *That Senate approve the May 6, 2014 agenda*

M. Lefebvre moved; M. Sarkis seconded

Motion Approved.

3. Announcements - None

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion: *That Senate approve the minutes of the April 1, 2014 meeting*

A. McWilliams moved; K. Raahemifar seconded

Motion Approved.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

D. Checkland, Co-Chair of the Policy 60 Review Committee, announced that a full revision of Policy 60 will likely not be ready for the June Senate meeting, as originally planned when the Committee was struck in October 2013. However, a full report on the progress of the Committee's work will be ready for the June meeting, as well as a motion to have the Committee continue to exist into the next session of Senate.

6. Correspondence - None

7. Reports

7.1 Report of the President

7.1.1 President's Update

President Levy stated that the outcome of the current provincial election is not expected to suspend or reverse any of the University's existing plans. This includes the Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA) process, the details of which the government has asked Ryerson and other universities to keep confidential for the time being. President Levy then read out the names of the honorary doctorate recipients for Spring convocation, which are also listed in the agenda on p. 6. He invited Senators to attend convocation if possible, noting that their attendance is greatly appreciated, especially by the students' partners, families, friends, etc. The President then explained that since the previous Senate meeting the University's budget was passed, with a 2% reduction instead of 3%, due to details in the SMA that are confidential for the time

being. He went on to say that student applications to Ryerson are good this year, although there is an overall softening of applications to universities across Ontario, as expected due to changing demographics, especially in the northern areas of the province. The President then noted the passing of Jim Flaherty, and mentioned that Ryerson sent a letter of condolence to his family, as well as a photograph of Mr. Flaherty opening the Mattamy Athletic Centre. He concluded by noting that he was recently in the Bahamas with Professor Jean Golden and a colleague from Social Work, where about 40 Ryerson students are involved with a school called Every Child Counts, which is the only school there for young children with disabilities. He congratulated Professor Golden and the other Ryerson participants for their work there.

7.2 Report of the Secretary

J. Turtle announced on behalf of the Senate Priorities Committee (SPC) that there will be a Special Meeting of Senate on May 27 to discuss the most recent draft of the Academic Plan before it comes to Senate at the June meeting for approval.

7.2.1 Invitation for expressions of interest to fill vacancies on the Academic Governance and Policy Committee (AGPC), to be received by the Secretary on behalf of the Nominating Committee

- one (1) TRSM Faculty Senator*
- one (1) Community Services Faculty Senator*
- one (1) FEAS Faculty Senator*
- one (1) graduate student Senator
- two (2) undergraduate student Senators

*Note: According to the Senate bylaw, only one of these positions can be filled by a Chair/Director.

7.2.2 Notice of Election for the Senate Priorities Committee (SPC) and Vice Chair of Senate (attached)

7.3 Committee Reports

7.3.1 Report #W2014-4 of the Academic Governance and Policy Committee (AGPC)

7.3.1.1 Policy 45 (*Governance Councils*) revision (attached, as well as a summary sheet of the changes)

Motion #1: *That Senate approve the revised version of Policy 45*

A. McWilliams moved; D. Checkland seconded

Amendment to Motion #1: *That sections 2.3.a.iii, 2.3.b.iii, 4.3.a.iii, and 4.3.b.iii in Policy 45 be amended to include that, “Where a bylaw proposes a UPC or GPC membership that is any subset of the faculty participating actively in the program, the bylaw shall provide justification for the chosen structure, and shall ensure that the subset is elected by all faculty participating actively in the program” (full version attached)*

N. Thomlinson moved and S. Dolgoy seconded

Amendment Approved.

Motion Approved.

The Chair noted that the bylaws coming up at this point in the agenda are divided into categories – those for which the just-approved Motion #1 is relevant (Motions #6 through #11), and the rest for which it is not. Later in the meeting, J. Turtle noted that the information now required for Councils that consist of only a subset of eligible members is available to Senate, because those Councils were informed in advance, and that representatives from those Councils are available at the meeting to provide that information if requested.

7.3.1.2 Bylaws for the Department Council in Physics

Motion #2: *That Senate approve the bylaws for the Department Council in Physics*

J. P. Boudreau moved; A. Adeli seconded

Motion Approved.

7.3.1.3 Bylaws for the Department Council in Economics

Motion #3: *That Senate approve the bylaws for the Department Council in Economics*

J. P. Boudreau moved; S. Krishnan seconded

Motion Approved.

7.3.1.4 Bylaws for the Department Council in Architectural Science

Motion #4: *That Senate approve the bylaws for the Department Council in Architectural Science*

J. P. Boudreau moved; D. O’Neil Green seconded.

M. Dionne raised the point that the phrase “present at meetings,” including by electronic means, deserves more consideration, both for bylaws and other situations, such as dissertation exams. The Chair recommended that such consideration be given in the future.

Motion Approved.

7.3.1.5 Bylaws for the Faculty Council in the Ted Rogers School of Management (TRSM)

Motion #5: *That Senate approve the bylaws for the Faculty Council in the Ted Rogers School of Management (TRSM)*

J. P. Boudreau moved; F. Gunn seconded

K. Raahemifar noted that some bylaw drafts include details regarding approval dates and procedures, but others do not. J. Turtle acknowledged that is the case, but noted that where those details are not included in the actual bylaws, there is correspondence on file with that information, including substantial detail in a cover letter for the TRSM Faculty Council bylaws. He also agreed that this information should be included in subsequent bylaw drafts.

Motion Approved.

7.3.1.6 Bylaws for the Graduate Program Council in Communication and Culture

Motion #6: *That Senate approve the bylaws for the Graduate Program Council in Communication and Culture*

J. Mactavish moved; J. P. Boudreau seconded

K. Raahemifar asked if these, and other Graduate Program Council (GPC) bylaws, had been discussed and voted on by the relevant Graduate Council. J. Turtle responded that Policy 45 specifies an approval process, which was followed for the bylaws under consideration, including dates of approval on the bylaw covers. J. Mactavish noted that in addition to the Policy 45 requirements, almost all of the GPC bylaws had been approved by other relevant bodies (e.g., Departmental Councils), and added that in general a lot of consultation had been done.

Motion Approved.

7.3.1.7 Bylaws for the Graduate Program Council in Digital Media

Motion #7: *That Senate approve the bylaws for the Graduate Program Council in Digital Media*

J. Mactavish moved; M. Bountrogianni seconded

M. Dionne raised questions about the specific number of members on the Council, due to potential confusion regarding the phrase “a minimum of...” D. Checkland agreed that this is an important issue, because it is not possible to establish quorum when the total number of members is not specified, and recommended that the bylaws be amended accordingly. M. Dionne recommended that the bylaws be **tabled to a later meeting**. J. Mactavish agreed.

7.3.1.8 Bylaws for the Graduate Program Council in Documentary Media

Motion #8: *That Senate approve the bylaws for the Graduate Program Council in Documentary Media*

J. Mactavish moved; G. Farok seconded

Motion Approved.

7.3.1.9 Bylaws for the Graduate Program Council in Immigration and Settlement

Motion #9: *That Senate approve the bylaws for the Graduate Program Council in Immigration and Settlement*

J. Mactavish moved; A. McWilliams seconded

Motion Approved.

7.3.1.10 Bylaws for the Graduate Program Council in Nursing

Motion #10: *That Senate approve the bylaws for the Graduate Program Council in Nursing*

J. Mactavish moved; A. Lam seconded

Motion Approved.

7.3.1.11 Bylaws for the Graduate Program Council in Urban Development

Motion #11: *That Senate approve the bylaws for the Graduate Program Council in Urban Development*

J. Mactavish moved; U. George seconded

Motion Approved.

7.3.1.12 Bylaws for 17 Graduate Program Councils that have full membership of eligible YSGS members

Motion #12: *That Senate approve the bylaws for the Graduate Program Councils in Aerospace Engineering, Applied Mathematics, Biomedical Physics, Building Science, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Networks, Computer Science, Early Childhood Studies, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Environmental Applied Science and Management, International Economics and Finance, Literatures of Modernity, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, Media Production, Molecular Science, and Professional Communication*

J. Mactavish moved; J. P. Boudreau seconded

Motion Approved.

7.3.2 Report #W2014-4 of the Academic Standards Committee (ASC): C. Evans absent, J. Turtle presented

7.3.2.1 Periodic Program Review of the Ted Rogers School of Business Management, Bachelor of Commerce degree

Motion #1: *That Senate approve the Periodic Program Review of the Ted Rogers School of Business Management, Bachelor of Commerce degree*

U. Siddiqui moved; M. Bountrogianni seconded

Motion Approved.

7.3.2.2 Revisions to the Chang School Certificate in Public Relations

Motion #2: *That Senate approve the revisions to the Chang School Certificate in Public Relations*

M. Bountrogianni moved; K. Raahemifar seconded

Motion Approved.

7.3.2.3 Discontinuation of the Chang School Certificate in Financial Management in Canada
Motion #3: *That Senate approve the Discontinuation of the Chang School Certificate in Financial Management in Canada*

U. Siddiqui moved; A. Ferworn seconded
Motion Approved.

7.3.2.4 Revisions to the Chang School's Project Management Bridging Certificate for Internationally Educated Professionals (PMBCIEP)
Motion #4: *That Senate approve the revisions to the Chang School's Project Management Bridging Certificate for Internationally Educated Professionals (PMBCIEP)*

M. Bountrogianni moved; J. Mactavish seconded
Motion Approved.

7.3.2.5 Addition of a Required Course to the Chang School Certificate in Physical Activity: Assessment and Promotion
Motion # 5: *That Senate approve the addition of a required course to the Chang School Certificate in Physical Activity: Assessment and Promotion*

K. Raahemifar moved; E. Kam seconded
Motion Approved.

7.3.2.6 Addition and Deletion of Elective Courses in the Chang School Certificate in Architecture
Motion #6: *That Senate approve the Addition and Deletion of Elective Courses in the Chang School Certificate in Architecture, as described in the ASC report*

K. Raahemifar moved; A. McWilliams seconded
Motion Approved.

7.4 Report of the Yeates School of Graduate Studies (YSGS)

7.4.1 Program Review for the MBA and MMSc in the Management of Technology and Innovation (MTI)

- MBA-MTI Self Study
(http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2014/MBA_MTI_Report.pdf)
- MMSc-MTI Self Study Report
(http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2014/MMSc_MTI_Report.pdf)
- MBA-MTI and MMSc-MTI Peer Review Report
(http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2014/Peer_Review_MBA_MTI_MMSc_MTI.pdf)
- TRSM Response to Peer Review Report (MBA-MTI and MMSc-MTI)
(http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2014/TRSM_Response.pdf)
- YSGS Response to PRT Reports (MBA-MTI and MMSc-MTI)
(http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2014/YSGS_PRT_Response.pdf)

Motion #1: *That Senate approve the MBA-MTI and MMSc-MTI Degree Program Review and*

Responses as recommended by YSGS Council on April 17, 2014.

J. Mactavish moved; C. Falzon seconded

Motion Approved.

7.4.2 New Program Proposal: Professional Masters Diploma (PMDip) in Energy and Innovation (attached)

Motion #2: *That Senate approve the Proposal of the Energy and Innovation Professional Master's Diploma program as approved by YSGS Council on April 17, 2014 so that it can move on for approval from the Ontario Universities Council on Quality Assurance ("the Quality Council").*

J. Mactavish moved; S. Rakhmayil seconded

Motion Approved.

8. Old Business

- J.P. Boudreau asked if many more bylaws are expected for the June Senate meeting. J. Turtle responded that not many, if any, are expected.

9. New Business as Circulated - None

10. Members' Business

- D. Checkland offered a correction to information he provided at the last Senate meeting regarding Facilitated Discussions for suspicions of academic misconduct. He noted that approximately two-thirds of FDs lead to findings of misconduct, not one-third.
- D. Checkland also raised the issue of stress on faculty caused by the scheduling of essay-style exams too close to the end of the exam period. C. Hack explained how the exam schedule is created, and noted that every effort is made to accommodate factors such as essay-style exams requiring more time for grading.
- S. Rakhmayil suggested that exams for large classes be held in spaces to fit all the students, as opposed to multiple rooms, and that the exam schedule be available earlier than it is now.
- N. Thomlinson suggested that these exam issues be examined more formally by Senate. S. Levy suggested that this topic be moved to SPC for discussion.

11. Consent Agenda - None

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.