

**SENATE MINUTES OF MEETING  
Tuesday, November 3, 2015**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>			
<b>EX-OFFICIO:</b>	<b>FACULTY:</b>		<b>STUDENTS:</b>
J. P. Boudreau	C. Antonescu	A. O'Malley	J. D'Cruz
M. Bountrogianni	S. Banerjee	A. Pejovic-Milic	N. Liu
W. Cukier	R. Botelho	C. Schryer	V. Morton
T. Duever	D. Checkland	B. Tan	H. Mulla
C. Evans	P. Danziger	T. Tenkate	U. Odozor
C. Falzon	Y. Derbal	K. Tucker Scott	B. Sibanda
U. George	M. Dionne	P. Walsh	K. Slimming
C. Hack	A. Ferworn	N. Walton	A. Smith Schon
A. Kahan	F. Gunn		O. Ullah
M. Lachemi	E. Kam		C. Yacyshyn
H. Lane Vetere	L. Kolasa		
M. Lefebvre	V. Magness		
S. Levy	J. Martin		
J. Mactavish	D. Mason		
S. Murphy	A. Matthews David		
P. Stenton	A. McWilliams		
J. Winton	R. Meldrum		
S. Zolfaghari	N. Naghibi		
<b>SENATE ASSOCIATES:</b>			<b>EX-OFFICIO STUDENTS:</b>
A. M. Brinsmead			R. Ashraf
M. Zouri			C. McGee
<b>REGRETS:</b>	<b>ABSENT:</b>		<b>ALUMNI:</b>
R. Babin	J. Lisi		M. Rodrigues
B. Badiuk	J. Machado		
I. Coe	H. Parada		
A. Goss	M. Schalk		
D. Naylor			
D. O'Neil Green			
R. Rodrigues			
C. Zamaria			
J. Zboralski			

1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum

2. Approval of Agenda

**Motion:** *That Senate approve the agenda for the November 3, 2015 meeting*

Item 7.4.2.1 Child and Youth Care – Major Curriculum Modification was removed from the agenda.

D. Mason moved; A. McWilliams seconded.

**Motion Approved.**

3. Announcements - None

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

**Motion:** *That Senate approve the minutes of the October 6, 2015 meeting*

A. McWilliams moved; K. Slimming seconded.

Motion Approved.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes - None

6. Correspondence – Request for members for ad hoc committee to assist Awards & Ceremonials Committee – Email to be sent

7. Reports

7.1 Report of the President

7.1.1 President's Update

President Levy announced that this is his final Senate meeting as Chair of Ryerson's Senate, and that he would make some final remarks at the end of the meeting, which are included below.

7.2 Report on Progress Indicators: P. Stenton

[http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2015/Progress\\_Indicators\\_for\\_Senate\\_Nov\\_3\\_2015.pdf](http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2015/Progress_Indicators_for_Senate_Nov_3_2015.pdf)

Paul Stenton presented some highlights of last year's progress indicators, including undergraduate retention rates, and time-to-completion rates for both Masters and PhD programs. He encouraged Senators to review further details by accessing the link provided in the agenda, and invited people to send him any questions via email.

7.3 Report of the Secretary

7.3.1 Results of the election for four Senate representatives to the presidential search committee

The Secretary reported that the four members of Senate elected to the presidential search committee are P. Danziger, U. George, A. McWilliams, and N. Walton. He also noted that the full membership of the committee was published in Ryerson Today and is available on the Board of Governors website.

7.3.2 Update on filling the vacancy for a FEAS faculty representative on Senate

The Secretary reported that there will be an online by-election to fill the vacancy.

## 7.4 Committee Reports

### 7.4.1 Report #F2015-2 of the Senate Priorities Committee (SPC): M. Lachemi

#### 7.4.1.1 Notice to Senate that the University, including SPC, is exploring the feasibility of creating a law school at Ryerson

The Provost informed Senate that as part of this process the University will be consulting with the Ryerson community, the government, and relevant organizations, including the Law Society of Upper Canada.

### 7.4.2 Report #F2015-1 of the Academic Standards Committee (ASC): C. Evans

#### 7.4.2.1 School of Child and Youth Care – Major Curriculum Modification

**Motion #1:** *That Senate approve the Major Curriculum Modification as described in the Academic Standards Committee report - School of Child and Youth Care*

This item was removed from the agenda prior to its approval at the outset of the meeting. C. Evans noted that it might be on the agenda for the December Senate meeting.

#### 7.4.2.2 School of Nutrition – Concentration in Nutrition & Health Research

**Motion #2:** *That Senate approve the Concentration in Nutrition & Health Research – School of Nutrition*

C. Evans moved; C. Falzon seconded.

**Motion Approved.**

#### 7.4.2.3 Department of English and RTA School of Media – Minor in Global Narratives

**Motion #3:** *That Senate approve the Minor in Global Narratives – Department of English and RTA School of Media*

C. Evans moved; S. Murphy seconded.

C. Evans noted that a footnote will be added to the curriculum table on p. 20 of the Senate agenda to indicate that students in the English program who wish to pursue this minor can use a maximum of three English courses for credit toward the minor and that, correspondingly, RTA students can use a maximum of three RTA courses.

**Motion Approved.**

#### 7.4.2.4 TRSBM Real Estate Management – Minor in Real Estate Management

**Motion #4:** *That Senate approve the Minor in Real Estate Management – TRSBM Real Estate Management*

C. Evans moved; S. Murphy seconded.

A. McWilliams asked what percentage of TRSM students enroll in FIN 300, ECN 104 and ECN 204, given that they are prerequisites for courses in the minor. L. Evans, Associate Dean, TRSM responded that 100% of TRSM students take these courses, or their equivalent.

**Motion Approved.**

7.4.2.5 Department of Philosophy – Minor in Music and Culture

**Motion #5:** *That Senate approve the Minor in Music and Culture – Department of Philosophy*

C. Evans moved; J. P. Boudreau seconded.

**Motion Approved.**

7.4.2.6 Department of Computer Science – Concentration in SoftEng

**Motion #6:** *That Senate approve the Concentration in SoftEng – Department of Computer Science*

C. Evans moved; D. Mason seconded.

D. Mason moved and A. Ferworn seconded an amendment recommending a change in the title of this concentration from SoftEng to Software Engineering.

**Amendment Approved.**

**Motion Approved as Amended.**

7.4.2.7 Ted Rogers School of Business Management – Curriculum Modification to Major in Human Resources Management/ Organizational Behaviour – Creating Concentrations in Organizational Behaviour and Industrial Relations

**Motion #7:** *That Senate approve the HRM/OB Curriculum Revisions as described in the Academic Standards Committee report – TRSBM*

C. Evans moved; E. Kam seconded.

**Motion Approved.**

7.4.2.8 Faculty of Arts – Double Majors in English and History; English and Philosophy; History and Philosophy

**Motion #8:** *That Senate approve the Bachelor of Arts – Double Majors in English and History, English and Philosophy, and History and Philosophy*

C. Evans moved; J. P. Boudreau seconded.

**Motion Approved.**

7.5 Report #F2015-2 of the Yeates School of Graduate Studies (YSGS): J. Mactavish

7.5.1 For information: Change of the initialism for the Master of Science in Management degree (originally brought for information at the December 2014 Senate meeting) from MSM to MScM

8. Old Business - None

9. New Business as Circulated - None

10. Members' Business

10.1 Amendment to Policy 60 (*Academic Integrity*): D. Checkland

**Motion:** *That Senate approve deleting the last sentence from Section 4.1.1 in Policy 60, which reads "No individual shall be a member of more than one decision-making body at any one time."*

D. Checkland moved; R. Meldrum seconded.

**Motion Approved.**

10.2 Senate Elections Procedures: D. Checkland

**Motion:** *Be it resolved that Senate hereby asks the Senate Priorities Committee (SPC) to establish a committee to study the electoral procedures now in use for the various offices and positions for which Senate holds, or could hold, elections as per its Bylaw and the Ryerson Act. The committee is also to be charged with studying other possible methods of operating elections, their rationales and their practical advantages and disadvantages, and to report back to the SPC by the end of term winter 2016 with recommendations regarding the best system(s) for Senate to use.*

D. Checkland moved; M. Dionne seconded.

**Motion Approved.**

10.3 Recognition of President Levy's Final Senate Meeting: N. Naghibi chaired the meeting for this motion.

**Motion:** *That Ryerson University's Senate express its gratitude to Sheldon Levy for his outstanding leadership and extraordinary contributions during his 10-plus years as Ryerson's President*

Moved by all; seconded by all.

Friendly Amendment – On behalf of Senate, J. Turtle offered the following friendly amendment, which was accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation available at [http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2015/Highlights\\_of\\_Sheldon's\\_term\\_of\\_office.pptx](http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2015/Highlights_of_Sheldon's_term_of_office.pptx) .

Slide 1. The friendly amendment is that Senate, on behalf of the University, also recognize the remarkable growth and success at Ryerson during Sheldon Levy's 10-year-plus tenure as President. In addition to creating an encouraging, friendly atmosphere of support for faculty and students, thousands of whom only know their President as "Sheldon," there is a long list of achievements to be proud of, just some of which are included in the following slides ...

Slide 2. To lay the groundwork for the success of Ryerson's physical growth over the next 10 years, President Levy announced the Ryerson University Master Plan in 2006, and it was adopted by the Board of Governors in 2008.

Slide 3. The impact of Sheldon's arrival was felt immediately, however, as he famously "planted flowers" on campus, as part of an overall investment in the creation of great and safe places for the community to enjoy. The new buildings, centres and zones soon followed...

Slide 4. The Ted Rogers School of Management was officially named in 2007.

Slide 5. The Digital Media Zone opened in 2010, and Senate approved the Optional Specialization in Zone Learning in 2013.

Slide 6. The Ryerson Image Centre had its grand opening in 2012...

Slide 7. ... the first puck dropped at the Mattamy Athletic Centre that same year...

Slide 8. ... and Gould Street was officially declared a pedestrian “zone” and closed to traffic.

Slide 9. Of course the new Student Learning Centre (SLC) opened in 2015...

Slide 10. ...and construction is set to start on the Church Street development before the end of the year...

Slide 11. ...with the Jarvis Street development soon to follow.

Slide 12. In addition to Ryerson’s physical growth, there has been equally impressive growth in the number and quality of people at Ryerson over the past 10 years, including...

Slide 13. ...the addition of about 500 tenure-stream hires since 2005...

Slide 14. ... and over triple the amount of research funding received over that period.

Slide 15. On the student side, in 2013 the ratio of first-choice applications to first-choice confirmations put Ryerson at the top of all universities in Ontario, and...

Slide 16. ...since 2005, Ryerson has consistently outpaced Ontario universities in terms of enrollment increases, going from about 21,000 students to about 35,000 in 2015...

Slide 17. ...including about a 10-fold increase in the number of graduate students.

Slide 18. And, as we know, Ryerson’s reputation is stronger than ever, especially in the category “Leaders of Tomorrow” – a testament to Sheldon’s focus on student success and satisfaction at Ryerson.

Slide 19. The amendment ends with a short video that presents some ideas for innovation from past and present Senators, and some friends of Senate:

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B\\_WEQ3bO7eszaHFzeS1YMUxmU3M](https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B_WEQ3bO7eszaHFzeS1YMUxmU3M)

Slide 20. And, finally, a small token of Senate’s appreciation [a wall-plaque with a small gavel and the inscription “Thank You Sheldon, Ryerson’s Chair of Senate 2005-2015, For Encouraging All Those Friendly Amendments. Senate Members – November 3, 2015”].

Friendly amendment accepted by all.

**Motion unanimously and enthusiastically approved as amended.**

President Levy responded to the motion, first by acknowledging his wife Tracy in the Senate gallery. He went on to thank Senate for their fairness, understanding, and generosity during his term as Chair. He reiterated his view regarding the importance of Senators having a say in the governance of the University, that all Senators should feel comfortable dealing with difficult issues and asking difficult questions, and that “the University is only a university if its Senate is strong and healthy.” He noted that he was proud to have never

missed a Senate meeting, and that he enjoyed every single one...really. He encouraged everyone never to become complacent, and to look to the Academic Plan, which talks about leading, which he feels is an important factor in Ryerson's continued success. President Levy reiterated many of the accomplishments described in the amended motion, but said that what we have really done is build the reputation of the University, and a better university for our students, whom he loves. He emphasized the importance of protecting the freedom of speech at Ryerson, encouraged an annual reading of Senate's statement on the freedom of speech, and stated his hope that his successor will support those who want to say things that might make the President feel uncomfortable. He extended his well wishes to Mohamed Lachemi, Interim President as of December 1, 2015, and then concluded by saying that it has been a real honour to serve Senate, and the Board of Governors, and that "It is truly Our Time to Lead."

The meeting ended with Senators and guests giving a standing ovation to Sheldon, and then enjoying a special cake and ice cream sandwiches, captured by a few photos at [http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2015/Photos\\_of\\_Sheldon's\\_Final\\_Senate\\_Meeting.pptx](http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2015/Photos_of_Sheldon's_Final_Senate_Meeting.pptx)

11. Consent Agenda

11.1 Various Calendar change forms (for information only):

[http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2015/Course\\_change\\_forms\\_November\\_3\\_2015.pdf](http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2015/Course_change_forms_November_3_2015.pdf)

Faculty of Arts: *Arts & Contemporary Studies; Economics; English; Geography & Environmental Studies; History; Languages, Literatures & Cultures; Philosophy; Psychology; Politics; Sociology*

Faculty of Communication & Design: *Fashion; Graphic Communications Management; Journalism; RTA School of Media*

Faculty of Community Services: *Disability Studies; Child & Youth Care; Early Childhood Studies; Midwifery; Nutrition & Food; Urban and Regional Planning*

Ted Rogers School of Management: *Law & Business; Real Estate Management*

12. Adjournment at 7:10 p.m.