

SENATE MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

EX-OFFICIO:	FACULTY:		STUDENTS:
M. Bountrogianni	S. Benda	A. Mathews-David	W. Fraser
T. Duever	B. Ceh	A. McWilliams	P. Gusciora
C. Evans	D. Checkland	N. Naghibi	E. Hysi
C. Falzon	K. Church	L. Pine	
C. Hack	P. Danziger	S. Rakhmayil	
H. Lane Vetere	Y. Derbal	C. Schryer	
S. Liss	H. Doshi	J. Tiessen	
M. Lachemi	C. Dowling	K. Underwood	
M. Lefebvre	N. Eichenlaub	K. Venkatakrisnan	
J. Mactavish	A. Ferworn	S. Wehbi	
M. Moshé	J. Friedman	J. Zboralski	
S. Murphy	E. Kam		
D. O'Neil Green	K. Kumar		
P. Stenton	R. Hudyma		
P. Sugiman	D. Mason		
SENATE ASSOCIATES:			EX-OFFICIO STUDENTS:
M. Zouri			J. Rodriguez
REGRETS:	ABSENT:		ALUMNI:
C. Antonescu	A. M. Brinsmead	M. Masood	M. Rodrigues
L. Barnoff	T. Burke	V. Morton	
R. Botelho	R. Frankle	N. Piragic	
I. Coe	P. Hastrup	A. Robb	
E. Harley	Y. Helmy	P. Santharasa	
R. Rodrigues	L. Kolasa	A. Wong	
J. Winton	A. Latchman	F. Y. Zhang	
	A. Latif	S. Zolfaghari	

1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: *That Senate approve the agenda for the April 4, 2017 meeting*

A. McWilliams moved; D. Mason seconded

Motion Approved.

3. Announcements - None

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: *That Senate approve the minutes of the March 7, 2017 meeting*

D. Mason moved; K. Kumar seconded

Motion Approved.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

C. Evans provided a response to questions raised by K. Venkatakrisnan at the March 7, 2017 Senate meeting. Regarding the Sarwan Sahota Ryerson Distinguished Scholar Award, C. Evans reported that he had consulted with U. George, Interim Vice President Research & Innovation, and was informed that none of the criteria and procedures for the award have been modified. Regarding whether or not Associate Deans are applying for YSGS awards, C. Evans reported that he had consulted with J. Mactavish, Vice Provost & Dean of Graduate Studies. He read out some of the posted criteria and procedures for the awards in question, pointed out that the criteria and procedures were established before there were Associate Deans for Research at Ryerson, and stated that he felt the criteria and procedures were inclusive in spirit, and that Associate Deans are therefore eligible for the awards.

6. Correspondence - None

7. Reports

7.1 Report of the President

7.1.1 President's Update

President Lachemi introduced and welcomed S. Liss, Ryerson's newly-appointed Vice President Research & Innovation.

President Lachemi provided an update on discussions about Ryerson's interest in establishing a presence in Brampton/Peel Region. He stated that on March 15 the Minister for Advanced Education and Skills Development announced that Ryerson was being considered for that role, as a partner with Sheridan College, to achieve a number of goals. The next step is to wait for a "green light" to develop a more formal proposal, about which Senate will be further updated.

President Lachemi spoke of three objectives regarding his recent trip to India with Mayor John Tory: to strengthen Ryerson's brand in India, to increase student recruitment from India, and to build community-engagement and business-engagement there. He was happy to report that the trip was a success, including the opportunity to strengthen Ryerson's relationship with Toronto's Mayor and his team.

The President provided a brief update on the Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA) process. He noted that there has been positive feedback from the Ryerson community, work is continuing on the first draft, and that negotiations with the government are expected to start soon.

The President was happy to report that the Sam the Record Man sign will be restored, and then installed on the building at 277 Victoria Street, hopefully by the end of summer.

The President was also happy to report that the Ryerson Image Centre (RIC) received a donation from the New York Times – over 25,000 press photographs of Canadian news, which will add to the RIC's excellent reputation, and be accessible to both the Ryerson community and the general public.

Finally, President Lachemi introduced another instalment in the series of videos shown at Senate meetings this year. This one featured Dana Lee, Associate Professor in the RTA School of Media, who received the 2017 President's Award for Teaching Excellence.

7.2 Achievement Report

7.3 Report of the Secretary

J. Turtle provided an update regarding the few vacant positions on Senate, and notified Senate of some complaints he's received regarding campaigning for one of the positions in the Senate elections held in March. He noted that, in accordance with the Election Procedures, the issue would be discussed at the next meeting of the Academic Governance and Policy Committee (AGPC), and that Senate will be updated further at the next meeting.

7.4 Committee Reports

7.4.1 Report #W2017-2 from the Academic Standards Committee (ASC): M. Moshé

7.4.1.1 Periodic Program Review for Business Technology Management in the Ted Rogers School of Management

Motion: *That Senate approve the Periodic Program Review for Business Technology Management in the Ted Rogers School of Management*

M. Moshé moved; J. Tiessen seconded

Motion Approved.

7.4.1.2 Variation in Graduation Requirement – BAsC Nutrition and Food

Motion: *That Senate approve the Variation in Graduation Requirements - BAsC Nutrition and Food*

M. Moshé moved; P. Santhararasa seconded

Motion Approved.

7.4.1.3 Chang School Certificate in Accessibility Practices: Discontinuation

Motion: *That Senate approve the discontinuation of the Chang School Certificate in Accessibility Practices*

M. Moshé moved; M. Bountrogianni seconded

Motion Approved.

7.4.1.4 Chang School Certificate in Program and Portfolio Management: Discontinuation

Motion: *That Senate approve the discontinuation of the Chang School Certificate in Program and Portfolio Management*

M. Moshé moved; D. Mason seconded

Motion Approved.

7.4.1.5 Chang School Certificate in Magazine and Web Publishing: Discontinuation

Motion: *That Senate approve the discontinuation of the Chang School Certificate in Magazine and Web Publishing*

M. Moshé moved; E. Kam seconded

D. Checkland noted that the “academic home” for this certificate is the Chang School, despite his understanding that certificates are supposed to have a home in an academic department/school outside of the Chang School. He asked if there had been a policy change on this point. M. Bountrogianni, Dean of the Chang School, stated that it was her understanding that the creation of this certificate pre-dated this policy requirement.

Motion Approved.

7.4.1.6 Chang School Certificate in Architectural Preservation and Conservation: Discontinuation

Motion: *That Senate approve the discontinuation of the Chang School Certificate in Architectural Preservation and Conservation*

M. Moshé moved; A. McWilliams seconded

Motion Approved.

7.4.1.7 For Information: Chang School Certificates – Revisions (December 2016–January 2017)

7.4.1.8 For Information: Chang School Certificates – Revisions (February 2017)

8. Old Business - None

9. New Business as Circulated - None

10. Members’ Business

J. Rodriguez spoke to an incident that occurred at the Mattamy Athletic Centre (MAC) on March 22, as a result of a talk by a controversial speaker, organized by two groups of Ryerson students. She was very concerned that the speaker was allowed on campus. L. Pine also spoke to this issue, expressed her concern, and provided further details about the event. D. Mason also commented that he was disturbed to hear about the event, and D. Checkland recommended that the applicability of Ryerson’s statement on free speech be considered with respect to this event.

President Lachemi asked C. Evans to respond to these concerns. The Interim Provost stated that he and other stakeholders met to discuss the event, after hearing of it shortly before it was scheduled to take place, and decided to let it proceed. President Lachemi agreed to meet with L. Pine, J. Rodriguez, Ryerson Security, and others to discuss this issue further.

D. Mason inquired about a search committee for a senior administration position that was apparently disbanded by its Chair prior to completing its mandate. He questioned if the Chair of this committee had the authority to make this decision. President Lachemi asked the Interim Provost, who was Chair of the committee, to comment. C. Evans acknowledged that while such authority is not explicitly granted in the “AAA policy” (the Policy and Procedures Relating to Search Committees and Appointments in the Academic Administration), he felt that “decommissioning” the committee was the appropriate action in this case, and that such action was consistent with general principles and procedural elements in the AAA policy that needed to be respected. President Lachemi reminded Senate that the AAA policy is currently under review, that it will be brought to the Board of Governors for approval by the end of this academic year, and that a priority for the new Provost will be to re-establish the search committee after he takes office on July 1, 2017.

11. Consent Agenda - None

12. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 6:14 p.m.