

SENATE MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

EX-OFFICIO:	FACULTY:		STUDENTS:
J. Austin	C. Antonescu	E. Kam	B. Arkinson
L. Barnoff	I. Baitz	K. Kumar	S. Asalya
M. Benarroch	R. Botelho	A. McWilliams	B. Baum
D. Brown	T. Burke	L. Pine	C. Davenport
I. Coe	B. Ceh	S. Rakhmayil	L. Emberson
G. Craney	K. Church	R. Ravindran	S. Faruqi
T. Duever	M. Dionne	N. Thomlinson	T. Nowshin
C. Falzon	S. Dolgoy	J. Tiessen	R. Rezaee
C. Hack	H. Doshi	K. Underwood	R. Syed
M. Lachemi	C. Dowling	J. Zboralski	N. Ul Saqib
A. Levin	N. Eichenlaub		
S. Liss	A. Ferworn		EX-OFFICIO
J. Mactavish	J. Friedman		D. Lis
M. Moshé	R. Hudyma		Leizl Yance
D. O'Neil Green			

SENATE ASSOCIATES:			ALUMNI:
M. Zouri			J. Makuch

REGRETS:		ABSENT:	
S. Benda		A. M. Brinsmead	
M. Bountrogianni		R. Chumak-Horbatsch	
Y. Derbal		P. Danziger	
E. Harley		E. Hysi	
V. Magness		F. Muto	
D. Mason			
I. Mishkel			
C. Shepstone			
P. Sugiman			
C. Tam			
K. Venkatakrishnan			
S. Zolfaghari			

1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: *That Senate approve the agenda for the January 30, 2018 meeting*

A. McWilliams moved; and J. Mactavish seconded

Motion Approved

3. Announcements - None

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion: *That Senate approve the minutes of the December 5, 2017 meeting*

L. Emberson moved; T. Burke seconded

Motion Approved

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Update on the timeline for implementation of Open Electives as described in Policy 2 (Curriculum Structure), which was approved at the December 5, 2017 Senate meeting.

C. Hack reported on the complexities of this process from the Registrar's perspective, in order to explain the length of the Open Electives implementation timeline. The work will involve the review of about 3000 courses, across 62 programs and 170 plans with five cohorts each (1st year, 2nd year, etc.), as well as interactions between courses in different programs/plans.

6. Correspondence - None

7. Reports

7.1 Report of the President

7.1.1 President's Update

Updates: President Lachemi wished everyone Happy New Year, given that it is the first Senate meeting of 2018, thanked Senators for their work in 2017, and said that he looks forward to continuing the important work of Senate. He introduced two new appointments: D. Brown, Vice-President, Administration and Operations; and G. Craney, Deputy Provost and Vice Provost University Planning.

President Lachemi also highlighted the following:

D. O'Neil Green received the 2017 Founders' Service Award from the Association for the Study of Higher Education's Council on Ethnic Participation.

S. Liss and his team were complimented for their assistance in acquiring the Canadian Excellence Research Chair (CERC) in Migration and Integration.

Bloomberg Businessweek ranked Ryerson's MBA among the best business schools in 2017. It was ranked among the top 25 international MBA programs, among the top five in Canada, among

the top 10 globally, the highest in Canada for salary and job placement, and best return-on-investment of any leading MBA program in the nation.

Regarding preliminary data on new student applications for next year, Ryerson is up about 3.9% overall compared to last year, second only to the University of Toronto. On applications from international students in the Ontario secondary school system, Ryerson is up about 25% compared to last year. President Lachemi congratulated C. Hack and team for their continued contribution towards this success.

Last month, Ryerson's law school proposal received preliminary approval by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada. Next, the Law Society of Ontario will be making its decision soon regarding licensing of graduates from the proposed School. Updates will be presented to Senate and the Ryerson community as they become available.

President Lachemi stated that 2018 is a special year for Ryerson, as we are celebrating two anniversaries - the 70th anniversary of Ryerson being an institution of higher learning, and the 25th anniversary of Ryerson as a university. There will be a celebration on June 1, with more details to follow.

The community consultation report (led by D. O'Neil Green and supported by Elder J. Dallaire) regarding the University's response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendations was acknowledged at an event on January 26. Details of the report, and President Lachemi's comments at the January 26 event, including seven key milestones are [available here](#). As well, a short video about the event was presented to Senators.

7.2 Communications Report

This is the new name for the previously-titled "Achievement Report"

7.3 Report of the Secretary

7.3.1 Senate elections

February 5, 2018 – Call for Nominations

March 5-8, 2018 and March 12-15 – Voting Periods

Current Senators will be contacted soon about their current status on Senate and eligibility to run in the coming elections.

7.4 Committee Reports

7.4.1 Report #W2018-1 of the Senate Priorities Committee (SPC): M. Lachemi

7.4.1.1 Notice of a Committee of the Whole discussion planned for the March 6, 2018 Senate meeting regarding Ryerson's Freedom of Expression statement

R. Rezaee asked if the topic of students with disabilities would be discussed in a Committee of the Whole discussion. President Lachemi replied that this will be further discussed at the next Senate Priorities Committee (SPC) meeting, and a Committee of the Whole discussion on the topic will likely be scheduled for one of the May Senate meetings.

7.4.2 Report #W2018-1 of the Academic Governance and Policy Committee (AGPC):
M. Benarroch drew Senate’s attention to the summary of points from the last Committee of the Whole discussion, regarding exam scheduling, that is available in the Senate agenda.

7.4.2.1 Academic Policy Review Committee (APRC) update:

M. Moshé spoke to the ongoing work of this committee, including the expansion of the online Academic Consideration Request (ACR) pilot project from TRSM to the Faculty of Engineering and Architectural Science in the Winter 2018 term. She noted that a survey of TRSM students who used the system in the Fall 2017 term revealed a positive response. The Vice Provost Academic also noted that the Self-Declaration pilot project in the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering is continuing from the Fall 2017 term into Winter 2018, and that a makeup exam sub-committee has been established by the APRC.

7.4.2.2 Update on a draft checklist for Council Bylaws (attached) and discussion of a possible template. M. Benarroch noted that the checklist is in the agenda for Senators’ consideration, and that work is continuing on ideas for a possible template and related alternatives.

M. Lachemi asked Senate whether it is necessary to have a template. N. Thomlinson described some of the issues that can arise with using a template, including the temptation to complete a template without full consideration of the options for each decision (e.g., Does the Council chair always vote, or only to break a tie). H. Doshi reminded Senate that council bylaws should be consistent with the University’s principles, especially faculty members’ ability to participate in and contribute to the council(s) they are on

7.4.2.3 Department of History Bylaws

Motion: *That Senate approve the History Department Council Bylaws as described in the Senate Agenda*

M. Benarroch moved; D. Lis seconded

Motion Approved

7.4.2.4 Update on review of Ryerson’s Institutional Quality Assurance Process (IQAP) policies:
M. Moshé

M. Moshé stated that draft versions of the revised policies are contained in the agenda, along with some background and context for the revisions. She is seeking feedback, comments and questions from Senators. The revised policies are planned to return to Senate for approval later this term.

7.4.2.5 Review initiated for [Policy 142 \(Graduate Admissions and Studies\)](#)

M. Benarroch stated that an *ad hoc* committee has been established and will report to AGPC and Senate.

7.4.2.6 Review initiated for [Policy 161 \(Student Awards\)](#)

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R. Rezaee mentioned some issues related to Policies 142 and 161 that affect students with disabilities, and referred to some issues in Policy 159 (Academic Accommodation of Students with Disabilities). President Lachemi responded that the Policy 142 and 161 issues will be considered as part of the policy review process, and that the Policy 159 issues can be raised at the upcoming Committee of the Whole discussion he mentioned as part of the SPC report earlier in the agenda.

8. Old Business - None

9. New Business as Circulated - None

10. Members' Business

11. Consent Agenda

11.1 Academic Integrity Office (AIO) update on Designated Decision Makers Committee (DDMC) membership

11.2 Course Change Forms from:

https://www.ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2017/Course_Change_Forms_January_2018.pdf

Faculty of Arts: *Sociology; Languages, Literatures & Cultures*

Faculty of Communication & Design: *Professional Communication; Graphic Communications Management; Journalism; RTA School of Media – Media Production*

Faculty of Community Services: *Midwifery*

Faculty of Science: *Chemistry & Biology; Computer Science*

Ted Rogers School of Management: *Entrepreneurship & Strategy; School of Finance*

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.