

**RYERSON FACULTY ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES**

ILC London/Paris Room  
April 28, 2015

**ATTENDANCE:**

<i>Office</i>	<i>Officer</i>	<i>Yes/No/Regrets</i>
President	Peter Danziger	Yes
Vice President Internal	Kileen Tucker Scott	Yes
Vice President External	Rahul Sapra	Yes
Treasurer	Carmen Schifellite	Yes
Secretary	David Naranjit	Yes
Chair, Grievance	Jason Lisi	Yes
Chair, Negotiating	Ian Sakinofsky	Yes
Chair, Professional Affairs	Lin Dong	Yes
Chair, Equity Issues	Tariq Amin-Khan	Yes
Member at Large	Amina Jamal	Regrets
Member at Large	Sophie Quigley	Yes
Staff	André Foucault	Yes
Staff	Agnes Paje	Yes

1. Order/Establishment of Quorum  
Meeting began with quorum at 10:15 AM
2. Approval of Agenda  
Motion to adopt Agenda (Tucker Scott/Quigley) Carried.
3. Approval of Minutes  
April 14, 2015 (Lisi/Sapra) Carried.
4. Matters Arising/Old Business:
  - a. Bylaw Change to the membership

BIRT the executive recommends the following bylaw change to the membership (Scott/Quigley) Carried.

The preamble of Article 17.4 (b) of the RFA bylaws states:

Expenditures from the Defence Fund shall be in accordance with the purpose of the Defence Fund as defined in Article 17.1 of this Bylaw. Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, such expenditures may include:

A list of ten items follows.

**BIRT** the following be added to the list:

(xi) Support for faculty associations which are on strike.

b. Hiring Committee

Report from the Hiring Working Group which has created a draft job description which was presented.

c. University Academic Plan

The Academic Plan contains an implementation strategy that requires the University planning office to create “indicators and metrics” to measure departmental compliance with the plan. The plan is not issue based. There is concern that individual departments will see their academic freedoms diluted through this process. The RFA will continue to monitor this situation.

5. New Business

6. Reports

a) Negotiation (Sakinofsky)

The Executive received a report on Bargaining.

b) Vice President External (Sapra)

Nova Scotia Bill 100. The Nova Scotia government has introduced a bill which would inhibit the rights of University associations to interact with their members, suspend collective bargaining and preclude the right to strike. The bill includes clear directives which requires research to be conducted in the interests of industry. The RFA will be expressing its opposition to this legislation.

c) Vice-President Internal (Scott)

BIRT the RFA Executive supports the following Reps’ Councils resolution concerning sustainable funding for the Ryerson Library. (Kileen/Rahul)

Be it resolved that RFA Reps’ Council is dismayed that the Ryerson Library is the lowest funded library among its peers in Canada. As representatives of our departments, we recognize the vital role of the library and its resources to the advancement of Ryerson's academic plan, especially in light of the increased institutional focus on graduate programs, Scholarly, Research and Creative activities, experiential learning and student engagement. We call on the

administration to commit to an increase in sustainable funding of the base library budget to bring it in line with sector norms.

6. Adjournment (1:05pm)