

RYERSON FACULTY ASSOCIATION
Meeting of Council of Department/School Representatives

Thursday, April 11, 2013

ILC, Paris/London

MINUTES

Present

Jason Lisi (Chair)
Anver Saloojee
André Foucault
Franklyn Prescod
Dae Kun Hwang
Seyed Hashemi
Miljana Horvat
Darko Joksimovic
Marsha Barber
Ian Sakinofsky

Vadim Geurkov
Jennifer Burwell
Diane Pirner
Sharareh Taghipour
Meredith Schwartz
Natalia Lumby
David MacKenzie
Dawn Onishenko
Kaamran Raahemfar

Seth Dworkin
Nicole Neverson
Yvonne Yuan
Catherine Beauchemin
Tuna Baskoy
Mitu Sengupta
Stephanie Cassin
Alexandra Fiocco
Heather Rollwagen

Regrets

David Naranjit
Fernando Pardo
Bozena Todorow
Sophie Quigley
Peter Danziger
Kileen Tucker Scott
Jennifer Clarke
Amina Jamal
Anthony Franciscucci
Jane Hao
Garnet Ord

Graham Hudson
Constantine Angyridis
Lev Kirischian
Jesmen Mendoza
Bryan Koivisto
Scott Anderson
Stephen Swales
Joanne McNeish
Aziz Guerfachi
Sheldon Rosen
Lei Jin

Cynthia Ashperger
Nadya Burton
Mary Sharpe
Lesley Campbell
Beth Swart
Elaine Santa Mina
Dana Thomas
Joanne DiNova
Hong Yu
Charles Zamaria
Catherine Dowling

Staff

Agnes Paje

Stacy Stanley

Minutes

1. Order/Establishment of Quorum
 - Meeting began with Quorum at 5:25 pm.
2. Approval of Agenda (Kaamran/Tuna) Adopted.
3. Approval of minutes from March 19, 2013 (Kaamran/Seyed) Adopted.
4. Opening Remarks and Announcements
 - The General Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2013 in the International Room, ILC from 12PM to 2 PM. We encourage everyone to attend. There will be discussions about the budget, members will be recognized with awards and there will be a light lunch.
 - This was the final meeting of the year. Reps' Council meetings for the new school year will be announced at a later date.
 - Kileen Tucker Scott was introduced as the new VP Internal and Chair of the Reps' Council and CDC, beginning May 1, 2013.
 - Jason Lisi is now the Chair, Grievance effective May 1, 2013.
5. Matters arising from old business
 - Course Loading 2013/2014
 - The RFA is asking all members to notify the RFA office if they observe anything unusual regarding course loading.
 - Deans should not be giving members extra courses if SRC is not completed. The protocol that needs to be followed if a member has not completed SRC:
 - Dean must first meet with the member and discuss the issue.
 - The member should give their reasons for not completing SRC.
 - The Dean then gives the member 1 year to correct the matter.
 - After 1 year the Dean will do a review with member before imposing extra course if SRC is not completed.
 - Re-engagement of research
 - Deans cannot give extra courses. This is a grievable issue.
 - Chairs should not be doing course loading, only the Dean can do loading.
 - Chairs have no role in re-engagement until course is appointed or not.
 - Promotion to Tenure
 - Service, although recognized, does not play a significant role in a promotion. A faculty member can be promoted if they have exceptional teaching.
 - Dean's office seems unaware of issues regarding members who are waiting to be tenured. The RFA will send out a letter asking VPFA to give answers regarding this issue.

6. New Business

- Proposed Amendments to Policy 60
 - During academic misconduct hearings, students are allowed to bring a lawyer to represent them and Ryerson University may pay for the lawyer. However professors do not have this option.
 - Students can now appeal to Provost.
 - It is concerning that students are able to bring a lawyer and appeals are being done by one person (Provost) who may be worried about litigation.
 - Ryerson University may be worried of being sued and some issues may not be handled fairly.
 - The RFA wants all members to get the message out about all their concerns regarding Policy 60.

7. Adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 10, 2013 from 4:30PM – 7:15PM in the International Room, ILC.