

RYERSON FACULTY ASSOCIATION
Meeting of Council of Department/School Representatives

Thursday, January 16, 2014

ILC, Paris/London

MINUTES

Present

Kileen Tucker Scott (Chair)	Bronwyn Dickson	Sharareh Taghipour
Peter Danziger	Rachel Berman	Diane Pirner
André Foucault	Constantine Angyridis	Corrine Hart
Franklyn Prescod	Vadim Geurkov	Rena Mendelson
Shadi Farshadfar	Lev Kirischian	Meredith Schwartz
Seyed Hashemi	Kaamran Raahemifar	Catherine Beauchemin
Miljana Horvat	Richard Wade	Carolyn Meyer
Darko Joksimovic	Ian Sakinofsky	Alexandra Fiocco
Kosta Derpanis	Aziz Guergachi	Ken Wong
Rahul Sapra	Val Lem	Dawn Onishenko
Richard Adams	Jean-Paul Pascal	Doreen Fumia

Regrets

Jason Lisi	Thomas Barbiero	Dana Thomas
Paul Floerke	Jonathan Rollins	Nadya Burton
Dae Kun Hwang	Grahame Lynch	Sharon Paton
Lesley Campbell	John Morgan	Annette Bailey
Bryan Koivisto	Bruno Lessard	Mitu Sengupta
Tammy Landau	Catherine Dowling	Stephanie Cassin
Esther Ignagni	Marsha Barber	Charles Zamaria
Thomas Barbiero	Kinga Zawada	Nicole Neverson
Cynthia Ashperger		

Staff

Agnes Paje	Stacy Stanley
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Minutes

1. Order/Establishment of Quorum
 - Meeting began at 5:25 pm.
2. Approval of Agenda (Kaamran/Diane) Adopted.
3. Approval of minutes from December 9, 2013 (Diane/Catherine) Adopted.

4. Opening remarks and announcements

- Professional Affairs
 - RFA is looking into having a representative accompany members to meetings they have with Deans. Representatives will act only as support to the member during the meeting.
- The RFA congratulates Ian Sakinofsky as the recipient of the OCUFA 2013 Lorimer Award for his outstanding contributions to improving the terms and conditions of employment for Ontario university faculty and academic librarians.
- Kileen asked everyone to encourage other Reps' Council members to attend meetings.

5. Matters arising from old business

- Teaching Assistants/Graduate Assistants
 - Article 10.12 G of the Collective Agreement clearly states the level of support by Teaching Assistant/Graduate Assistants cannot be lowered.
 - The RFA is collecting data regarding teaching assistants/graduate assistants. Please provide Jason Lisi (jlisi@ryerson.ca) or the RFA office (rfa@ryerson.ca) with all issues regarding teaching assistants/graduate assistants.
- Evening Teaching
 - The grievance regarding evening teaching is in arbitration.
 - The RFA is trying to establish:
 - What departments/schools are doing evening teaching
 - How far back has evening teaching been done in that department/school
 - What is the recruitment process
 - Please forward all data to Jason Lisi at jlisi@ryerson.ca or to the RFA office at rfa@ryerson.ca.
- Faculty Course Survey
 - The RFA Executive discussed faculty course surveys. Peter will be sending out an announcement regarding the matter.
- Policy 45
 - The RFA is requesting data regarding issues members are having with Policy 45. Please forward any issues (good or bad) to the RFA office.

6. New Business

- Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA)
 - There was no transparency, a very quick turnaround time and no faculty consultation regarding the Strategic Mandate Agreement.
 - Ryerson University did submit a Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA) and is complying with the government's requirements.
 - Minister Brad Duguid will be visiting each post-secondary school regarding the Strategic Mandate Agreement.
 - OCUFA continues to look into this matter.
- André acknowledged Anver as an exemplary president who has redefined the way the RFA is run. He thanked Anver and Peter for their outstanding contributions to the RFA.
- Bill C-377
 - According to the CAUT, "Bill C-377 is a private members' bill that would impose onerous reporting requirements on trade unions, labour organizations, and employee associations."
 - The bill is highly opposed and viewed as discriminatory and unconstitutional.
 - The RFA will continue to follow this matter closely.

- President, Sheldon Levy, will not be seeking re-election. Members need to be vocal regarding issues they would like to see addressed by the new president. Please discuss and make notes of issues raised by members and bring them to the next Reps' Council meeting.

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 18, 2014. Dinner will be served at 4:30PM and the meeting will be from 5:15PM – 7:15PM in the International Room, ILC.