

RYERSON FACULTY ASSOCIATION
Meeting of Council of Department/School Representatives

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

ILC, Paris/London

MINUTES

Present

Kileen Tucker Scott (Chair)	Rachel Berman	Catherine Dowling
Anver Saloojee	Constantine Angyridis	Marsha Barber
Peter Danziger	Rachel Berman	Kinga Zawada
André Foucault	Vadim Geurkov	Val Lem
Jason Lisi	Kaamran Raahemifar	Dana Thomas
Franklyn Prescod	Rahul Sapra	Jean-Paul Pascal
Lin Dong	Richard Adams	Corinne Hart
Andriy Miransky	John Morgan	Rena Mendelson
Tammy Landau	Dawn Onishenko	Carolyn Meyer
Esther Ignagni	Seyed Hashemi	Charles Zamaria

Regrets

Shadi Farshadfar	Grahame Lynch	Meredith Schwartz
Paul Floerke	Peter Kedron	Catherine Beauchemin
Miljana Horvat	Stephen Swales	Mitu Sengupta
Dae Kun Hwang	Ian Sakinofsky	Stephanie Cassin
Lesley Campbell	Bruno Lessard	Alexandra Fiocco
Bryan Koivisto	Sharareh Taghipour	Ken Wong
Darko Joksimovic	Nadya Burton	Doreen Fumia
Joanna Holt	Diane Pirner	Nicole Neverson
Thomas Barbiero	Sharon Paton	Cynthia Ashperger
Lev Kirishian	Annette Bailey	Jonathan Rollins
Aziz Guergachi		

Staff

Agnes Paje	Stacy Stanley
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Minutes

1. Order/Establishment of Quorum
 - Meeting began at 5:17 pm.
2. Approval of Agenda (Kaamran/Marsha) Adopted.

3. Approval of minutes from January 16, 2014 (Rahul/Corrine) Adopted.
4. Opening remarks and announcements
 - All Reps' Council members are invited to the President's Appreciation Cocktail on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at the Courtyard by Marriott, 475 Yonge Street (Yonge/College), 5:30 – 8 PM.
 - Rena Mendelson invited everyone to, Music of the Night: A Musical Tribute to Colm Wilkinson at Koerner Hall, 273 Bloor Street West on May 11, 2014 at 7 PM. Tickets are \$20 and \$50 for performance only and Gala ticket are \$150 (includes a champagne reception following the performance). Tickets can be purchased online: www.performance.rcmusic.ca. Proceeds of this fundraising event will support the Colm Wilkinson Scholarship at the Ryerson Theatre School. For more information please contact Rena Mendelson (mendelso@ryerson.ca).
 - The RFA congratulates and celebrates all of this year's Ryerson University award recipients.
 - The RFA General Meeting will be held on May 7, 2014, 12 PM - 2 PM in the International Room, ILC. Please encourage all members to attend the meeting. Lunch will be served at 12 PM.
5. Business arising from the minutes
 - The RFA continues to gather and request data to present to the Administration regarding teaching assistants/graduate assistants. Please submit any data regarding this issue to Jason Lisi (jlisi@ryerson.ca) or the RFA office (rfa@ryerson.ca).
6. New Business
 - President's report (Anver Saloojee)
 - Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA)
 - The Strategic Mandate Agreement is being used by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) as a template for all Universities.
 - The RFA encourages all members to stay up-to-date on issues relating to the SMA and inform Senate of any issues in your school or department. Keep in mind, Senate has been used at other Universities to block certain proposals.
 - VPFA Search Committee
 - John Isbister will be stepping down as VPFA. A VPFA Search Committee has been formed and will be deciding his successor.
 - The VPFA makes decisions as to whether a grievance goes forward, make tenure decisions, professor decisions and many other decisions that will have a great effect on all members. Therefore, it is important that he/she is objective.
 - Members of the VPFA Search Committee have been invited to the next Reps' Council meeting on April 10, 2014, to discuss any issues or concerns members would like considered during the search process for the next VPFA.
 - Faculty Security/safety – safe working environment
 - Please let the RFA know immediately if you have security concerns.
 - Members do not have to return to a classroom where they feel unsafe. Sections 43 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act states, employees have the right to refuse to do a job if they do not feel safe.
 - Members are encouraged to contact the RFA immediately if they feel threatened or concerned about their safety.

- The RFA is looking into protocol regarding this issue.

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 10, 2014. Dinner will be served at 4:30PM and the meeting will be from 5:15PM – 7:15PM in the International Room, ILC.