

RYERSON FACULTY ASSOCIATION
Meeting of Council of Department/School Representatives

Tuesday, March 24 2015

International Room, ILC

MINUTES

Present

Kileen Tucker Scott (Chair)
Peter Danziger
André Foucault
Rahul Sapra
Ian Sakinofsky
Tariq Amin-Khan
Leila Farah
Khandaker Anwar Hossain
Joanna Holt
Tammy Landau
Sejal Patel
Thomas Barbiero

Rich Adams
Joey Power
Richard Wade
Rupa Banerjee
Katy McCormick
Franklyn Prescod
Jamin Pelkey
Val Lem
Jean-Paul Pascal
Seth Dworkin
Habiaba Bougherara

Nadya Burton
Corinne Hart
Yvonne Yuan
Meredith Schwartz
Miriam Anderson
Carolyn Meyer
Stephanie Cassin
Matthew Flisfeder
Charles Zamaria
Julie Tomiak
Vladislav Toronov

Regrets

Seyed Hashemi
Paul Floerke
Esther Ignagni
Andriy Miranskyy
Lev Kirischian
Jonathan Rollins
Jennifer Burwell
Amy Peng
Vadim Geurkov

Henry Navarro Delgado
Peter Kedron
Stephen Swales
Aziz Guergachi
Taymoore Balbaa
Marsha Barber
Jane Schmidt
Kaamran Raahemifar

Sharon Paton
Annette Bailey
Carolyn Meyer
Alexandra Fiocco
Ken Wong
Cynthia Ashperger
Christopher Powell
Gerda Cammaer

Staff

Agnes Paje

Stacy Stanley

Minutes

1. Order/Establishment of Quorum
 - Meeting began at 5:18 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda (Thomas/ Khandaker) - Adopted.
3. Approval of minutes from February 25, 2015 (Val/Corrine) - Adopted.
4. Opening remarks and announcements
 - The final Reps' Council meeting for the 2014/2015 academic year will take place in the International Room, ILC, on Monday, April 27, 2015 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. As a special treat, wine will be served with dinner.
 - Please encourage all members to attend the RFA General Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 in the International Room, ILC from 12 – 2 p.m. Lunch will be served at 12 p.m.
5. New Business
 - Equity Committee Update - Tariq Amin-Khan – Chair, Equity Issues
 - The RFA co-sponsored #AMINext - The Community Response to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. The event took place on Monday, March 30, 2015. Speakers included Sharon Johnson, Krysta Williams, Blu Water and Shawn Brant. The event was organized to bring awareness to the estimated 1,200 missing and murdered indigenous women in Canada.
 - The Equity Committee met with Vice Provost, Students - Heather Lane Vetere, to discuss the proposed sexual assault policy. The policy focuses mainly on students, however, the Equity Committee would like staff and faculty included in the proposed policy.
 - The Equity Committee continues to look into pay equity issues.
 - President's Update – Peter Danziger
 - Budget
 - Students have commissioned an alternate budget which they presented to the Board of Governors.
 - Audited statements show Ryerson University is doing well financially.
 - The Ontario Government has announced there will be a new funding policy implemented in the near future.
 - Ontario has the lowest per student funding in Canada which leads to higher tuitions.
 - E-Learning
 - The Ontario government developed a consortium which is being operated by the Council of Ontario Universities (COU) to develop E-Learning in Ontario.
 - Ryerson University is a member of the consortium.
 - There is concern that there is no faculty representation on the Board of Ontario. OCUFA is monitoring the progress closely.
 - Anomalies
 - The Anomalies process will begin shortly.
 - Members are encouraged to apply for anomalies even if they were previously declined.

- Please be sure to mention any significant service performed at a previous job on the anomalies application.
 - It is not necessary for members to give a reason why they are applying for anomalies, however, if a member has a specific reason they may include it on their application.
- School/Departmental Council
 - According to the Senate Bylaw, all departments/schools should have a School/Departmental Council meeting twice per academic year.
 - It is beneficial to departments/schools to have more Departmental meetings per year if there is to be more collegiality.
- OCUFA Update – Rahul Sapra
 - E-Learning
 - The Council of Ontario Universities (COU) has set guidelines for E-Learning
 - If given funding for an online course, course must be offered for 5 years.
 - Professors need to be careful they do not sign over their intellectual properties when agreeing to teach online.
 - Nancy Walton completed report on online teaching and it has been presented to the Administration.
 - Ryerson University is looking at a blended model of online teaching.
- Negotiating Committee Update – Ian Sakinofsky
 - The RFA website is being constructed and the Negotiating Committee will be posting information on the site as soon as it is completed.
 - On March 31, 2015 the bargaining mandate was presented to the Administration and the first exchange of issues will take place on April 10, 2015.
 - The committee continues their discussions with FCAD. Anyone who would like to share some ideas regarding this matter, please contact the Negotiating Committee.
 - Please forward any additional information or potential direction to address raised issues related to the bargaining process to Ian Sakinofsky (Chair, Negotiating) at isakinof@ryerson.ca

6. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, April 27, 2015 in the International Room, ILC from 4:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.