

RYERSON FACULTY ASSOCIATION

Meeting of Council of Department/School Representatives

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

International Room, ILC

MINUTES

Present

Peter Danziger
Kileen Tucker Scott
Ron Babin
Ian Sakinofsky
André Foucault
Vanessa Magness
Seyed M. Hashemi
Umberto Berardi
Leila Farah
Chil-Hung Cheng
Andriy Miranskyy

Tammy Landau
Angela Valeo
Amy Peng
Lev Krishian
Henry Navarro Delgado
Stephen Swales
Rich Adams
Joey Power
Bernard McEvoy
Jamin Pelkey
Jane Schmidt

Seth Dworkin
Corrine Hart
Yvonne Yuan
Jim Dianda
Vladislav Toronov
Carolyn Meyer
Charles Zamaria
Dawn Onishenko
Susan Preston
Christopher Powell
Julie Tomiak

Regrets

Bryan Koivisto
Joe McPhee
Elsayed Elbeshbishy
Khandakar Anwar Hossain
Joanna Holt
Sejal Patel
Thomas Barbiero
Vadim Geurkov
Kaamran Raahemifar
Jennifer Burwell

Jonathan Rollins
Richard Shaker
Rupa Banerjee
Gerda Cammaer
Katy McCormick
Franklyn Prescod
Aziz Guergachi
Taymoore Balbaa
Marsha Barber
M.J. Suhonos

Sharon Paton
Meredith Schwartz
Miriam Anderson
Matthew Flisfeder
Paul Brunet
Alexandra Fiocco
Maria Gurevich
Seung Hwan (Mark) Lee
David Bouchard
Perry Schneiderman

Staff

Agnes Paje

Stacy Stanley

Minutes

1. Order/Establishment of Quorum

Meeting began at 5:17 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda (Magness /Hart) - Adopted.

3. Approval of minutes from November 30, 2015 (Bougherara/Dworkin) - Adopted.

4. Opening remarks and announcements

- The RFA General Meeting will be held on May 5, 2016 in the International Room, ILC from 12 – 2 p.m. Lunch will be served at 12 p.m. Please encourage members to attend.
- This was the final Reps' Council meeting of the 2014/2015 academic year. Reps' Council meeting dates for the 2016/2017 academic year will be sent out at later date.
- Members should be advised that Multiprint has implemented a policy whereby faculty who do not pick up their exams in a timely fashion may be charged \$20 when they do pick them up. Faculty are encouraged to pick up their winter final exams as soon as possible.

5. Update from the Treasurer – Carmen Schifellite

- Mill Rate
 - The RFA financials are divided into 3 funds:
 1. Special Fund
 - a. Covers retirees health benefits
 2. General Operations
 - a. Covers all day to day expenses (such as salaries, meetings, equipment etc.)
 - b. Rate is 8 mills which was reduced from 10 mills over the past 2 years
 - c. Any year-end surplus from the General Operations Fund above \$100,000 is transferred to Defence Fund
 3. Defence Fund
 - a. Covers expenses related to grievances, negotiations and contributions to CAUT and striking faculty unions
 - b. Mill rate fluctuates as per the formula outlined in the RFA Bylaws 17.2 (d-f)
 - c. Proposed amendments to RFA Bylaws 17.2 (d-f) will be voted on at the General Meeting on May 5, 2016. Please see attached Mill Rate report
 - d. Better and more extreme scenarios for both the existing and proposed formulas were presented and will be discussed further at the RFA General Meeting
 - e. Please discuss proposed Bylaw changes with members and encourage members to attend the RFA General meeting on May 5, 2016 to vote on proposal

6. RFANET

- Ron thanked everyone who provided feedback on RFANET
- Some suggestions by members included:
 - Members suggested there should be some type of outlet for dialogue of ideas
 - RFA should take action against members who abuse RFANET
 - Have RFANET hosted by a non RFA party
- Reps' are being asked to continue consulting members for their opinions on the future of RFANET and send any feedback to Ron Babin at rbabin@ryerson.ca
- A committee will be discussed at the RFA General Meeting on May 5th to determine the future of RFANET
- 'From the Floor' – open forum
 - Library
 - Jane Schmidt, Library Representative, thanked the RFA and the Reps' Council for their support of Ryerson University Librarians
 - The Ryerson Library continues to have financial issues and is awaiting Ryerson University's budget in order to determine where they stand financially
 - The Reps' Council is willing to support the Librarians in a manner that will be determined at a later date and in consultation with the Librarians
 - Members discussed students with mental health issues
 - Peter reminded all members to be aware of policy regarding mental health
- Negotiating Committee Update – Ian Sakinofsky
 - The 1st day of guided arbitration was held on Monday, April 11, 2016
 - Ian commented that the meeting was productive. The Negotiating Committee continues to work diligently on the bargaining process
 - Anyone planning to retire by September 1, 2016 should speak with André Foucault, Ian Sakinofsky or Peter Danziger

7. Kileen thanked all Reps' Council members for their hard work and wished everyone a great Summer.

8. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Next meeting: TBA