

RYERSON FACULTY ASSOCIATION
Meeting of Council of Department/School Representatives

Tuesday, April 24, 2012
Thomas Lounge, Oakham House

MINUTES

Present

Jason Lisi (Chair)	Jesmen Mendoza	Donna Koller
Anver Saloojee	Lev Kirischian	Vadim Guerkov
Andre Foucault	Osmud Rahman	Kinga Zawada
Franklyn Prescod	Stephen Swales	Natalia Lumby
Peter Danziger	John Morgan	Lila Pine
Anthony Francescucci	Sheldon Rosen	Farid Shirazi
Shadi Farshadfar	Linying Dong	Catherine Dowling
Seyed Hashemi	Ursula Trescases	Joanne McNeish
Jane Hao	Vincent Chan	Seth Dworkin
Marcus Santos	Nadya Burton	Linda Cooper
Yvonne Yuan	Meredith Schwartz	Catherine Beauchemin
Tuna Baskoy	Gordon Pon	Heather Rollwagen

Regrets

Cheryl Atkinson	Yaser Dahman	Arnold Yuan
Graham Hudson	Esther Ignagni	Richard Chisik
Vincenzo Caponi	Reza Sedaghat	Jennifer Burwell
Sarah Henstra	Scott Anderson	Wayne Forsythe
Richard Wade	Rupa Banerjee	Gerda Cammaer
Marsha Barber	Garnet Ord	Mary Sharpe
Diane Pirner	Beth Swart	Elaine Santa Mina
Gregory Levey	Tae Hart	Janice Kuo
Hong Yu	Charles Zamaria	Nicole Neverson
Cynthia Ashperger		

Staff

Agnes Paje	Preciosa del Monte
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Minutes

1. Order/Establishment of Quorum
 - Meeting began with Quorum at 5:21 pm
2. Approval of Agenda (Sheldon/Vincent) Adopted
3. Approval of minutes from March 20, 2011 (Rupa/Vincent) Adopted

4. Opening remarks and announcements
 - RFA Staff acknowledged.
 - GM Meeting announcements – May 10, 2012 from 12 – 2 pm.
 - Next Reps' Council Meeting will be on October 18, 2012 at the ILC.
5. Follow up to old business:
 - Peter announces that the new Collective Agreement is in the process of being proof read. He expects to be finished by mid or end of May, 2012.
 - He further discussed how many members and what the deadline date is (May 15) for having each Department or School integrate DEC and DAC.
 - Peter further discussed the differences and requirements for establishing a Faculty Tenure Committee and a Faculty Promotion Committee for each Department/School.
 - Seth Dworkin discussed I-Expense issues and how he went through the process of setting up his account. He concluded by saying that Oracle and I-Expense training is needed and that both systems are tedious to use for reimbursements. It's not the fact that the problem lies in electronic submission. It's more of Administration should put themselves in the faculty's shoes to know if these systems and processes are appropriate for diverse departments.
6. New Business
 - Communications Platform (presented by Anthony Francescucci)
 - Way of communicating with the membership
 - Make communication between the Reps, Members and RFA more seamless
 - Fall roll-out expected
 - Intent of which is to provide snap shots of the websites' content
 - Feature section provided
 - There is also a calendar section
 - Has polling capabilities
 - Documents area
 - "Did you know section?"
 - Discussion Forums
 - Notification System – flexibility and control for alerts
 - Each member shall use their My Ryerson username and password for ease
 - RFA – all general membership issues can be accessed i.e. Departmental Reps Council/Group will have all their minutes, historicals, etc. stored for ease of access.
 - Reports from the Reps
 - Gordon Pon asked for a copy of Policy 45. Not in circulation and was only leaked thru backdoor.
 - Exam complaints: make-ups for make-ups; repeat offenders for make-ups; waste of faculty time
 - Workload Assignments: ITM faculty are not required to sign off
 - What is the policy/process for workload sign-offs: will be discussed directly by André and Peter with Franklyn.
 - Annual Reports issue: Having a detailed annual report would help with tenure reviews.
 - Process of handling student complaints: Senate Policy & Discussed at length in the Student Guide.
 - Extra course loading as per Dean directed.

7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, October 18, 2012 International Room, ILC