

2. Approval of Agenda (Wayne/Thomas) Adopted.
3. Approval of Minutes from February 14, 2013 (Catherine/Miljana) Adopted.
4. Opening remarks and announcements
 - Next Reps' Council Meeting will be on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 4:30 – 7:15 pm, in the International Room, ILC.
5. Discussion with President, Sheldon Levy
 - Members discussed the plans for property that was burned at the corner of Gould Street.
 - Ryerson University would like to purchase the property and have an entrance/exit to Dundas subway built at the site. The Administration is awaiting approval from the government.
 - President Levy stated the Administration also has plans to build a science building on the property at the corner of Jarvis and Dundas Street.
 - President Levy discussed students tuition
 - 60% of students are receiving OSAP.
 - Students pay the gross fee of tuition while OSAP gives them the net fee.
 - Students that cannot afford to pay tuition are supported by Ryerson University through grants.
 - Any issues regarding Post-Doctoral fellows should be addressed to Wendy Cukier.
 - Ryerson University will not be pursuing 3 year degrees.
 - E-Learning
 - It is difficult to foretell what direction E-learning will go in. It will be influenced by students and the government.
 - Ryerson University along with McMaster University, York University, and Brock University are working together in regards to E-learning.
 - Disability Act - Some members stated the Disability Act is too vague.
 - Anyone having major issues regarding the Disability Act or the Access Centre should contact Julia Hanigsberg.
 - The RFA would also be happy to help in any way with issues regarding the Disability Act. Please contact the RFA office if you have any issues.
 - Members discussed extraordinary cost to do repairs by the University.
 - President Levy stated many universities are having the same issue and it should be brought to Julia Hanigsberg's attention.
 - A member asked if students can be charged a fee for appeals. Some members feel students are abusing the system. There are some students who are strategically using the appeals system when they are caught in some form of academic integrity.
 - Students should not be charged for appeals as it may disadvantage some.
 - Some members would like to have a process in place to decide if a student's accusations should be pursued.

- Research expenses
 - Wendy Cukier has made structural changes to research accounting. She can be contacted with any questions about this issue.
- Timetabling
 - Two years ago, the RFA and the administration struck a committee in an effort to see if more efficient timetabling could be achieved. A member asked why Ryerson University is always behind with loading.
 - President Levy stated the Senate did discuss the issue and assured members at the meeting once a new registrar was appointed the matter would be looked into and hopefully timetables would be available much sooner.
 - President Levy also stated classroom availability makes it difficult to have loading done more rapidly.

6. New Business

- Health and Safety (Fernando Pardo)
 - The Committee now does inspections. Anyone that has an accident, ie: trip and fall, should make a report.
 - Any documents older than 1 year, ie: books, binders etc. can be shredded. Please go to the Fixit website and request a bin. Your bin will be picked up and contents shredded confidentially at no charge to yourself or your department.
 - Issues concerning the maintenance of the library elevators and escalators will be looked into.
 - Contact Catherine Drum to have ergonomics assessments done. She will inspect your work space and recommend what is needed for your safety.
 - Members asked if it would be possible to have a heightened stool at podiums for longer lecture times. Fernando will look into the matter.

7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

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