

RYERSON FACULTY ASSOCIATION
Meeting of Council of Department/School Representatives

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

ILC, Paris/London

MINUTES

Guest

Nancy Walton (Director of eLearning)

Present

Kileen Tucker Scott (Chair)	Thomas Barbiero	Diane Pirner
André Foucault	Lev Kirischian	Sharon Paton
Peter Danziger	Rahul Sapra	Corinne Hart
Jason Lisi	Grahame Lynch	Annette Bailey
Paul Floerke	Richard Adams	Meredith Schwartz
Miljana Horvat	Ian Sakinofsky	Catherine Beauchemin
Dae Kun Hwang	Aziz Guergachi	Mitu Sengupta
Kosta Derpanis	Kinga Zawada	Carolyn Meyer
Joanna Holt	Val Lem	Stephanie Cassin
Tammy Landau	Dana Thomas	Alexandra Fiocco
Rachel Berman	Jean-Paul Pascal	Ken Wong
Constantine Angyridis	Sharareh Taghipour	Doreen Fumia
Nicole Neverson		

Regrets

Anver Saloojee	Esther Ignagni	Marsha Barber
Franklyn Prescod	Vadim Geurkov	Nadya Burton
Shadi Farshadfar	Kaamran Raahemifar	Rena Mendelson
Seyed Hashemi	Jonathan Rollins	Charles Zamaria
Lesley Campbell	Bruno Lessard	Dawn Onishenko
Bryan Koivisto	Catherine Dowling	Cynthia Ashpeger
Darko Joksimovic		

Staff

Agnes Paje	Stacy Stanley
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Minutes

1. Order/Establishment of Quorum
 - Meeting began at 5:11 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda (Diane/ Miljana) Adopted.
3. Approval of minutes from October 10, 2013 (Corrine/Meredith) Adopted.
4. Matters arising from old business
 - Teaching Assistants/Graduate Assistants
 - In the last round of bargaining the Administration agreed the same level of Teaching Assistant/Graduate Assistant support would apply to the new Collective Agreement. Please let Jason Lisi know if you are not receiving the same amount of Teaching Assistant/Graduate Assistant support.
 - Schools/departments cannot lower Teaching Assistants/Graduate Assistants support because of budgetary funding.
 - Jason Lisi is happy to attend schools/departments meetings to discuss this issue.
5. New Business
 - Nancy Walton – Director of eLearning
 - Nancy Walton has been the Director of eLearning since December 1, 2012 and is conducting an environmental scan on eLearning.
 - There will be a short report in January 2014 and a more extensive report in June 2014.
 - Members are strongly invited to work on the Strategic Mandate Agreement.
 - Some things to consider on the subject of eLearning:
 - Accessability
 - More technical based
 - No engagement with people
 - eLearning will restructure faculty work week and workload. Professors will be on-call 24 hours.
 - Members considering teaching an eLearning course should carefully review or have their contracts amended to avoid losing their intellectual properties.
 - Many students at Ryerson prefer the blended model of eLearning, where they will have both on campus and online courses.
 - Nancy is compiling information from members regarding eLearning and is willing to attend committee meetings, schools/departments meetings and/or have individual discussions. She can be reached by email: nwalton@ryerson.ca and her extension is 3299.
 - Evening Teaching
 - The RFA has filed a grievance with Ryerson's Administration contesting teaching after 6PM. Please contact the RFA office if you have any issues pertaining to this matter.
 - Student Discipline
 - In order to establish guidelines, some faculties have 1st day discussions with students to identify what behaviours are unacceptable.
 - Due to the Administration's apprehensiveness to enforce student discipline polices, untenured and/or younger faculty members are wary of taking disciplinary action against students.
 - The RFA is putting together a report concerning student discipline. The report will address the need for guiding principles to be implemented regarding this issue.

- Course Surveys
 - The RFA encourages all members to use the paper version of course surveys.
 - A motion will be drafted regarding paper surveys and will be discussed at the next meeting.

6. Adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, December 9, 2013 from 4:30PM – 7:15PM in the International Room, ILC.