

# **RYERSON FACULTY ASSOCIATION**

## **Meeting of Council of Department/School Representatives**

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

International Room, ILC

### **MINUTES**

#### **Present**

Rahul Sapra  
Peter Danziger  
Ron Babin  
Ian Sakinofsky  
Habiba Bougherara  
André Foucault  
Leila Farah  
Chil-Hung Cheng  
Joanna Holt  
Tammy Landau  
Perry Schneiderman

Sejal Patel  
Amy Peng  
Jonathan Rollins  
Henry Navarro Delgado  
John Morgan  
Gerda Cammaer  
Katy McCormick  
Marsha Barber  
Jane Schmidt  
M.J. Suhonos

Corrine Hart  
Yvonne Yuan  
Miriam Anderson  
Paul Brunet  
Alexandra Fiocco  
Seung Hwan (Mark) Lee  
David Bouchard  
Charles Zamaria  
Christopher Powell  
Julie Tomiak

#### **Regrets**

Seyed M. Hashemi  
Umberto Berardi  
Bryan Koivisto  
Elsayed Elbeshbishy  
Khandaker Anwar Hossain  
Andriy Miranskyy  
Thomas Barbiero  
Angela Valeo  
Vadim Geurkov  
Kaamran Raahemifar

Lev Krishian  
Jennifer Burwell  
Richard Shaker  
Stephen Swales  
Rich Adams  
Rupa Banerjee  
Franklyn Prescod  
Aziz Guergachi  
Jamin Pelkey  
Seth Dworkin

Sharon Paton  
Jim Dianda  
Meredith Schwartz  
Vladislav Toronov  
Matthew Flisfeder  
Carolyn Meyer  
Maria Gurevich  
Susan Preston

#### **Staff**

Agnes Paje

Stacy Stanley

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#### **Minutes**

1. Order/Establishment of Quorum

Meeting began at 5:38 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda (Landau/Barber) - Adopted.
3. Approval of minutes from April 27, 2015 (Hart/Yuan) - Adopted.
4. Approval of minutes from September 21, 2015 (Morgan/Landau) - Adopted.
5. Opening remarks and announcements
  - The RFA General Meeting will be held on Monday, December 7, 2015 in the International Room, ILC from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be served at 12 p.m.
  - The RFA Season/Holiday Party will take place on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at Oakham House from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
  - The RFA is pleased to announce our new website. Please visit our website at [www.rfanet.ca](http://www.rfanet.ca)
6. Brief Overview of Reps' Council
  - Reps' Council members are encouraged to review "Article 11: Representative Councils" in the RFA Bylaw.
  - Members are encouraged to join Department/Faculty Councils to ensure issues and concerns are being addressed. Also, have "Reps' Council" added to Departmental Meeting Agendas.
7. Updates
  - President's Update – Peter Danziger
    - President Sheldon Levy will become the Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities on December 1, 2015.
    - The President Search Committee hopes to find a new President by July 1, 2016.
    - Plans are in place by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to review the funding formula for Universities. Currently, Universities are funded based on their number of students. Since 1999, the number of Ryerson University students has grown by 250%.
    - The Ontario Online Learning Consortium (OOLC) has announced the eCampus Ontario which will be a web portal. Students may use this portal to search online courses offered by Universities in Ontario.
    - Teaching courses through Continuing Education (CE) is not under the Collective Agreement. Members are reminded that under the CE contract course content and materials belong to the University.
  - Chair Negotiating Committee Update – Ian Sakinofsky
    - The Negotiating Committee continues to move through the steps of Conciliation.
    - William Kaplan was appointed as the Chair of the arbitration board.
    - It is anticipated the arbitration hearings will begin in January 2016.
    - The Negotiating Committee will keep members informed of the arbitration process. Members will receive information at a later date as to how they can show their support and solidarity.
    - 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](mailto:isakinof@ryerson.ca)

- Chair Grievance Update – Ron Babin
  - The Grievance Committee is currently working on several grievances that may go into arbitration. Grievance information can be found on the RFA website at [www.rfanet.ca](http://www.rfanet.ca).
- Health & Safety Officer – Habiba Bougherara
  - Please inform Habiba of any health and safety issues. You may email her at [habiba.bougherara@ryerson.ca](mailto:habiba.bougherara@ryerson.ca) or the RFA office at [rfa@ryerson.ca](mailto:rfa@ryerson.ca).

#### 8. New Business

- Formation of the Political Action Committee.
  - The Political Action Committee was formed and members are as follows :
    - Marsha Barber
    - Corrine Hart
    - John Morgan
    - Henry Navarro Delgado
- Campus Security: Addressing Threats Against Women
  - Members suggested the need for a security audit and safety audit.
  - Members also commented there is an issue regarding the lack of security and suggested this issue be raised at the next meeting the RFA has with the Administration.
  - VP, External, Rahul Sapra stated he officially raised this issue at OCUFA's Board of Directors Meeting, where he advised that universities in Toronto should work collectively to confront this serious problem .
  - Members are asked to contact the RFA at [rfa@ryerson.ca](mailto:rfa@ryerson.ca) with any security issues they may have.
- Visits to the Academic Units by Chang School Representatives, inviting initiatives on Online Course development.
  - Members were alerted about possible visits by Chang School representatives attempting to compel departments to make online courses

#### 9. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, November 30, 2015 in the International Room, ILC from 4:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. To celebrate the Holiday Season dinner will be served with wine. Dinner will be served from 4:30 p.m.