

**RYERSON FACULTY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES**

ILC London/Paris Room

February 28, 2017

ATTENDANCE:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Officer</i>	<i>Yes/No/Regrets</i>
President	Peter Danziger	Yes
Vice President Internal	Kileen Tucker Scott	Regrets
Vice President External	Rahul Sapra	Yes
Treasurer	Carmen Schifellite	Yes
Secretary	David Naranjit	Yes
Health & Safety Officer	Habiba Bougherara	Yes
Chair, Grievance	Ron Babin	Yes
Chair, Negotiating	Ian Sakinofsky	Yes
Chair, Professional Affairs	Rachel Berman	Yes
Chair, Equity Issues	Tariq Amin-Khan	Yes
Member at Large	Amina Jamal	Yes
Member at Large	Anthony Francescucci	Yes
Staff	André Foucault	Yes
Staff	Shiraz Vally	Yes
Staff	Agnes Paje	Yes

1. Order/Establishment of Quorum
Meeting began with quorum at 10:10 AM
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion to adopt Agenda (Bougherara/Francescucci) Carried.
3. Approval of Minutes
February 7, 2017 (Bougherara/Schifellite) Carried.
4. Reports
 - a) Equity (Amin-Khan)
 - i. BIRT the Executive accepts the recommendation of the Equity Committee that the RFA donates \$1,000 to the Viola Desmond fund. (Amin-Khan/Bougherara) Carried
 - ii. The RFA Equity Committee, RFA Professional Affairs and the RFA Aboriginal Caucus are organising an event “Resisting Trump's Agenda Against Women, Racialized and Indigenous Communities” on March 7 at 6:30pm. Speakers will be Desmond Cole (Toronto Star), Kikélola Roach (Gindin Chair in Social Justice), Sandi Wemigwase (Indigenous Activists), Haroon Siddiqui (Distinguished Visiting Professor, Ryerson).

- iii. The RFA has been pressuring the Administration to provide support for RFA members who may be caught at the US border after the ban from the US. The Administration has initially responded by providing a meeting.
- iv. Those RFA members who did not attend conferences in the US, should report conference acceptance on their annual reports if they wish.

b) Vice President, External (Sapra)

There was an SMA Town Hall which was called on extremely short notice. The Administration has indicated that there will be an initial round of consultation where they will ask for general input. Following that there will be a draft document created. The Administration has indicated that they will then have discussions based on this draft.

The SMA's will include "metrics" in 5 categories. In the document there is one column for "Government Metrics" and then for institutional metrics. There are five questions that are to be asked of all faculty.

There will be a meeting of Senate on March 7th, where SMAs will be discussed. All members are invited to attend.

The Executive will be setting up a strategic subcommittee consisting of Peter Danziger, Rachel Berman and Ian Sakinofsky on the issue SMAs.

c) Grievance Update: (Babin)

The Executive received an update on ongoing grievances and files.

d) Negotiation (Sakinofsky)

The deadline for Deans to approve proposals to move to 2/2 for next year is tomorrow. There are 9 departments awaiting a response.

New Business

- a. The RFA discussed the new AAA policy from the University.
- b. Graduate Grade submission deadline. The School of Graduate Studies and the Registrar's office has sent a notice of intent to change the Grade submission deadline for Graduate courses. The RFA has serious concerns about this change which appears to be driven by administrative experience with no concern for pedagogical issues.

5. Adjournment (1:00pm)