

RYERSON FACULTY ASSOCIATION

Meeting of Council of Department/School Representatives

Monday, April 17, 2017

International Room, ILC

MINUTES

Present

Kileen Tucker Scott (Chair)

Peter Danziger

Rahul Sapra

Ian Sakinofsky

Habiba Bougherara

André Foucault

Shiraz Vally

Rachel Berman

Angela Valeo

Vanessa Magness

Seyed Hashemi

June Komisar

Joshua Panar

Tsobadral Galaabaatar

Vadim Geurkov

Jonathan Rollins

Henry Navarro Delgado

Deborah De Lange

Rich Adams

Joey Power

Dave Kemp

Jamin Pelkey

M.J. Suhonos

Alison Skyrme

Saman Hassanzadeh Amin

Joanna Holt

Miriam Anderson

Eric Hehman

Charles Zamaria

Susan Preston

Heather Rollwagen

Pavlo Bosyy

Bozena Todorow

Joshua Panar

Corrine Hart

Yvonne Yuan

Meredith Schwartz

Regrets

Umberto Berardi

Chil-Hung Cheng

Joe McPhee

Elsayed Elbeshbishy

Dan Horner

Eliza Chandler

Cathy Ning

Lev Kirischian

Mitu Sengupta

Maria Gurevich

David Bouchard

Kaamran Raahemifar

Colleen Derkatch

Richard Shaker

Stephen Swales

Rich Adams

John Morgan

Bernard McEvoy

Rupa Banerjee

Carolyn Meyer

Murtaza Haider

Dawn Onishenko

Jim Tam

Marsha Barber

Chris Grandison

Manavi Handa

Diane Pirner

Beth Swart

Alex Wellington

Alexandre Douplik

Paul Brunet

David Lewis

Doreen Fumia

Staff

Agnes Paje

Stacy Stanley

Minutes

1. Order/Establishment of Quorum

Meeting began at 5:19 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda (Magness/Schwartz) - Adopted.

3. Approval of minutes from March 22, 2017 (Navarro Delgado/Komisar) - Adopted.

4. Opening remarks and announcements

- **Please Note:** The first Rep's Council meeting for the 2017/2018 academic year will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2017.

5. 'From the Floor' – Open Forum

- Library
 - Members discussed the demonstration/event held by an American religious anti-choice group that took place in April 2017 in the Student Learning Centre.
 - The signage the group had was offensive to some students and faculty.
 - The Equity Committee had been in touch with the students who voiced concerns and were investigating who gave permission for the event.
 - The issue of Freedom of Speech is being discussed and debated throughout the University. The Equity Committee continues to work with students and faculty regarding these matters.

6. Update from the President – Peter Danziger

- Anomalies have been completed, letters were sent out to members. Adjustments were made to the June 2017 paychecks. The process for the next round of anomalies were scheduled to begin in May 2017.
- Last year the Graduate Studies and the Registrar's Office changed the grade submission deadline from January to December. The RFA disputed the change and the Administration agreed to allow grade submission in January this year. However, the submission date will be changed in the future. In order for this change to occur, there needs to be a consultation. A letter of intent was sent via email in February during Reading Week. The RFA emailed a copy of the letter to RFA members in April with a request for members to write to the University and voice their concerns regarding this change. It is important for members to express their concerns to the Administration when issues arise.
- The RFA was unable to view the updated version of the AAA policy and were unsure as to whether the suggestions provided were considered. The RFA encouraged members to join them in expressing their concerns with the policy and process to the Administration.

7. New Business

- Political Action Committee
 - Members of The Political Action Committee were appointed.
 - The members are as follows:
 - Corrine Hart
 - Henry Navarro Delgado
 - Joey Power.
- Professional Affairs Plan
 - The plan for the Professional Affairs Committee going forward is to increase engagement with members. The Committee welcomes ideas on how to get concerns to the Administration and encourages members to make suggestions on how to best open up communication with members.
 - Reps' were asked to discuss with members issues they would like addressed. The data collected should be sent to Rachel Berman, Chair, Professional Affairs, at rcberman@ryerson.ca.

- Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA) Update
 - OCUFA had a conference on March 21, 2017. The main concern regarding SMAs were metrics. Performance will be measured by metrics and used for the funding formula. .
 - The RFA planned to meet with York University Faculty Association to discuss the SMAs.
 - Please send any questions or concerns regarding SMAs to Rahul Sapra, VP, External, at rsapra@ryerson.ca

6. Kileen thanked everyone and wished all Reps' Council members a great summer.

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

8. Next meeting: **Thursday, October 26, 2017** in the International Room, ILC from 4:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Dinner will be served from 4:30 p.m.