

RYERSON FACULTY ASSOCIATION

Meeting of Council of Department/School Representatives

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

International Room, ILC

MINUTES

Present

Peter Danziger (Chair)
Ron Babin
Jesmen Mendoza
Brain Ceh
Habiba Bougherara
Umberto Berardi
Lynda McCarty
Catherine Beauchemin
Katie Lebel
Chris De Sousa

Darko Joksimovic
Debapriya Sen
Lev Kirischian
Sarah Bull
Evan Cleave
Hossein Zolfagharina
Rich Adams
Tisha Ornstein
Jacqui Gingras

Joey Power
Annika Hillbrandt
Dana Osborne
Ann Ludbrook
Niushan Gao
Kourosh Zareinia
Yvonne Yuan
Maureen Reed
Michael Bergmann

Regrets

André Foucault
Corrine Hart
Carlo Parente
Chil-Hung Cheng
Neil Bruce
Alex Ferworn
Jean Tsai
Miranda Campbell
Anna Flaminio
Mehrunnisa Ali
Sajad Saeedi
David Scofield
Susan Preston

Vadim Geurkov
Colleen Derkatch
Ann Dulhanty
Anika Kolowski
Laleh Samarbaksh
Tor Oiamo
Hossein Zolfagharina
Zhen Lu
Madhi Roghanizad
Izabella Pruska-Oldenhof
Nicole Bennett
Charles Zamaria
Jeffrey McNeil Seymour

Dimitrios Latsis
Jim Tam
Abbas Keramati
Lorella Di Cintio
Marsha Barber
Chris MacDonald
Val Lem
Hamed Mehrabi
Wei Xu
Mucahit Cevik
Rohan Sud
Marusya Bociurkiw

Staff

Stacy Stanley

Minutes

1. Order/Establishment of Quorum
Meeting began at 5:23 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda (Adams/Gingris)
3. Approval of minutes (Hillebrandt/Gingris)
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - The RFA Executive has agreed to the formation of a Gender Redress Committee. A notice will be sent out shortly regarding this matter.
 - Ryerson University continues to move forward with Navitas. A townhall meeting was held on February 27, 2020. (There was one on February 20, 2020 in the middle of Reading Week.) More information on the proposal can be found at www.ryerson.ca/navitas. This issue to be discussed at the March 3, 2020 Senate meeting. The RFA continues to monitor this issue.
 - The RFA approached the VPFA with concerns regarding modifications by the Research Ethics Board (REB) on research involving humans in courses. The VPFA commented that the policy always applied to course based research but has now been reworded to clarify. The full communication from the VPFA is attached.
5. Issues from the Floor
 - Member discussed Teaching Assistants' evaluations
 - Member discussed the proposed Academic Consideration policy.
 - Member discussed Universal Design for Learning.
 - Member commented the air conditioning in the Architectural Science building is not working and the Administration has not repaired it. There is a plan to demolish the building in the future but faculty would like the air conditioning repaired.
 - Members commented the elevators in various departments are not working. The RFA is aware of these issues and will be addressing this issue with the Administration.
6. Special Constables
 - The RFA has reported multiple complaints and concerns to the Administration regarding safety on campus over a long period of time,
 - The Administration has proposed having Special Constables on the campus who would assist Security.
 - A Special Constable is not a police officer or security guard. They are trained by the Toronto Police Services Board and have limited authority. For example, TTC Special Constables and Metro Housing Special Constables have authority in those specific entities.
 - Special Constables have authority on certain Acts such as; parking, trespassing etc.

- There are concerns with Special Constables such as; will they be respectful of the academic environment, will they be culturally sensitive, there may be triggers for some Ryerson community members, and over policing.
 - The RFA will continue to monitor this matter.
7. Negotiations Update – Brian Ceh
- B. Ceh gave an update on the Negotiations.
8. Adjournment
- Meeting ended at 7:33 p.m.

Next meeting: **April 6, 2020** at 4 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing. More information will be sent out shortly.